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March 4, 2000

BY DAVE M

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March 4, 2000

BY DAVE MCKINNEY SUN-TIMES SPRINGFIELD BUREAU

SPRINGFIELD--Guards at 10 state prisons tested positive for drugs at a higher rate last year than inmates tested at the same prisons, figures released Friday show.

The trend occurred in four of the state's five maximum-security prisons, prompting a legislative call for the Department of Corrections to negotiate a tougher drug-testing policy with its labor union.

"My constituents do not understand how drugs can get into a prison when we control all four walls," said Rep. Cal Skinner (R-Crystal Lake), a member of a House prison reform panel.

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Medium- and minimum-security prisons where this pattern also occurred included Danville, Sheridan, East Moline, Robinson, Southwestern Illinois and Taylorville.



The prison with the highest percentage of positive drug tests was Danville, where 5.5 percent of guards randomly tested were found to have drugs in their systems. By contrast, 4.4 percent of inmates tested positive for drugs at that prison.

The prison system is permitted to test 20 percent of its 16,000 employees randomly for marijuana, cocaine, PCP, amphetamines and opiates. The first time an employee tests positive, he or she is suspended without pay for 15 days. A second time nets a 30-day unpaid suspension, and a third occurrence is grounds for dismissal.

Last year, 60 prison employees were suspended under that policy and three were fired, agency spokesman Nic Howell said.

Skinner and prison officials agree the corrections department needs the authority to randomly test all employees and fire those with drugs in their systems after one positive test. But it is constrained by terms of its labor agreement with AFSCME Local 31, Howell said.

"It's one of the things we're pushing. But it's a negotiable thing," he said.

AFSCME and the state are negotiating a new contract to replace the pact that expires June 30. When asked about the numbers, a top AFSCME official flatly rejected any expansion of the prison system's drug-testing procedures.

Roberta Lynch, AFSCME's deputy director, said current drug testing procedures are adequate and fair, and any expansion would divert precious resources away from addressing prison understaffing and inmate violence against guards.

"For a state representative to be focused on the tiny minority of employees who use drugs, rather than focusing on the overwhelming majority of employees . . . who confront these serious problems everyday and have so few champions, I just think it's a disgrace," she said.

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PRISON/JAIL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX TALKING POINTS

- In 1980 the federal education budget in America was \$27 billion; the prison budget at that time was \$8 billion.
- By 1995 the education budget dropped \$11 billion to \$16 billion and the prison budget went up from \$12 billion to \$20 billion
- In the last 20 years, in the state of Illinois, the education budget increased 225%; while at the same time the prison budget increased 1067%
- A \$10,000 investment in Prison Realty Trust five years ago, today your investment would be worth \$41,333
- A \$10,000 investment in Corrections Corporation of America, three years ago, today your investment would be worth \$74,600.
- Both Prison Realty Trust and Corrections Corporation of America are traded on the New York Stock Exchange
- While stock for Corrections Corporation rose 700%, from 1985 to 1995 African Americans who were incarcerated due to drug use or sales rose 700%
- The federal prison industry is a \$30 billion—crime pays

- There is a new kind of terrorism that is sweeping our nation, although police violence against innocent civilians is not new to our community: We must never forget the fates of:

- ♦ Abner Louima to Amadou Diallo in New York,
- ♦ Tyisha Miller to Rodney King in California;
- ♦ Jerry Jackson in Atlanta
- ♦ Jonny Grammage in Philadelphia
- ♦ Malik Jones in New Haven, Connecticut,
- ♦ Aaron White in Mississippi
- ♦ Stanton Lamont Crew in New Jersey
- ♦ Edward Mallet in Phoenix, Arizona
- ♦ Malice Green in Detroit;
- ♦ Joseph Gould, Bobby Russ, Kelsey Hogan and LaTanya Haggerty in Chicago...

- The majority of these questionable deaths across the nation have involved unarmed, young, African American motorists who were pulled over for a routine traffic violation—driving or riding while black.

- We now have the world's largest prison population – 2million as of February 14th
- In addition to the two million in prison, there are more than five million people currently on parole or probation. That means about 7 million people are currently under some form of the U.S. criminal justice system
- **Illinois Prisons Built since 1989:**
 - 1989 Western Illinois Correction Center cost \$41 million
 - 1989 Illinois River Correction Center cost \$41 million
 - 1990 Taylor Correctional Center, in Taylorville, IL cost \$24 million
 - 1991 Robertston Correctional Center, in Robertson, IL cost \$25 million
 - 1993 Big Muddy River Correction Center, in Ina, IL cost \$48 million
 - 1995 Southwestern Correctional, in East St. Louis cost \$20 million
 - 1995 Tamms Correction Work Camp, in Tamms, IL cost \$7 million
 - 1997 Murphysboro Youth Center, in Murphysboro, IL cost \$13 million
 - 1998 Tamms Correctional Super Max Prison, cost \$65 million
 - 1999 Pinckneyville Correctional Facility, cost \$73 million
 - 2000 A new youth correction center was built in Decatur, IL for \$24 million
- We commend President Clinton and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno on launching a federal investigation last year into this national epidemic of “racial profiling,” also known as Driving While Black or Driving While Brown.
- We hope this investigation includes the state of Illinois, including areas such as Highland Park and Mount Prospect, and that recommendations and resources be allocated to alleviating this problem.

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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Let me thank you once again for your very favorable assistance that you gave to us in connection with the problems that developed in Bethlehem. The results are beyond our expectation. It has brought a new light of day to that area, and our church was legalized, the first church of this type ever legalized in that country.

Again, we call on you. I hope you do not become weary of our requests. A serious situation has developed in Haiti. I applaud you for using your influence in having Aristide restored back into the good graces of the nation, and restoring the democratic process of election in Haiti. However, the problem has developed into another paradox. Mr. Aristide, whom you befriended, has used his influence to restore witchcraft and devil worship. When Mr. Aristide was returned to power, he legalized witchcraft by making the witch doctors legal and equal in authority to ministers of the gospel. At this point in time, the Christians and others with them are very concerned about the coming election, which takes place on March 19.

We are again asking that you use your power of influence to insure a fair election in the nation of Haiti. The people are afraid to go to the polls because of the pressure being placed on them by Aristide's Lavalas Family Party, which has completely turned in the direction of dedicating the island to the devil. At the point of this coming election on March 19, it is especially important that fair elections be conducted again in the island of Haiti. The Aristide Lavalas Family Party has caused the arrest of pastors and burned their churches. In January and February of this year they burned registration offices in areas where they know the present government would be voted out of office, especially in the Senate. In many places on the island they cannot have a registration office to develop and conduct a fair election.

Mr. President, we are again requesting your fine judgment on a situation that is perilous to every faith, and of course all of us are very concerned. If you wish any further discussion on this matter, we would be very happy to give you more information, or, though we are not pressing for it, Anthony Mangun and I will be happy to meet with you.

Hail to the President for a listening ear and a willing heart to assist small people with big problems. May the Lord abundantly bless you. With kindest regards, I remain

Very respectfully,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 2000

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator Connie Mack

DATE: As soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED BY: Beth Nolan, Mark Childress, and Sarah Wilson

PURPOSE: To ask for Senator Mack's support for Marsha Berzon, your judicial nominee for the Ninth Circuit.

BACKGROUND: This coming Wednesday, March 8, 2000, we believe that the Senate will finally vote on Ninth Circuit nominees Judge Richard Paez and Marsha Berzon. (There is a strong indication that Federal Circuit nominee Tim Dyk – the husband of Sally Katzen – will also get a vote that day).

Your telephone calls on behalf of Judge Paez have yielded impressive results. Six Republican Senators (five of whom you called) have publicly announced their support for Judge Paez: Hatch, Bennett, Specter, Jeffords, Chafee, and Gordon Smith.

Although Marsha Berzon has long been presumed to have broader support among Republicans than Paez, several papers have now noted that Berzon does not yet have a sufficient number of public commitments from Republican Senators. Ironically, your success with respect to Judge Paez could increase the likelihood that Lott will exert pressure to oppose Berzon. We have therefore been redoubling our efforts regarding Berzon.

In this regard, we believe it might be very effective for you to call Senator Connie Mack to ask for his commitment to vote in favor of Marsha Berzon. Mack may also be favorably disposed towards Paez, although that need not be the focus of your call. Senator Mack has a very good record of supporting your judges and has rarely voted against any of your nominees. (Mack was in Ireland when every other Republican Senator voted against Ronnie White).

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Our info re. Paez - it is forthcoming on vote as we should have been - gen 12-12

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Last year, Mack helped with the confirmation of Charles Wilson, a 44-year-old African American male, to the Eleventh Circuit. Mack has also worked closely with Senator Graham on district court candidates. In light of our overall relationship with Mack regarding judges, we believe that it could be very effective if you personally asked Mack for his commitment to support Berzon.

A labor lawyer of national renown, Berzon is a partner at the San Francisco firm of Alshuler, Berzon, Nussbaum, Berzon & Rubin. She received her B.A. from Radcliffe College in 1966 and her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1973. Berzon clerked at both the Ninth Circuit and at the Supreme Court, and has litigated cases at all levels of the federal and state systems.

Berzon has garnered impressive support from Democrats, Republicans, and a wide range of law enforcement agencies. She is supported by major law enforcement groups nationally and in California, including: NAPO (National Association of Police Organizations), California Correctional Peace Officers Association, International Union of Police Associations, and Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association. At a Judiciary Committee executive session, Senator Hatch called Berzon "one of the best lawyers I've seen." In addition, Judge Richard Arnold, Mack's cousin, has told Senator Mack of his high regard for Berzon.

- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
1. I appreciate all the support you have given to me on judges. We have worked together to put some excellent people on the bench. Most recently, you were instrumental in ensuring the confirmation of Charles Wilson to the Eleventh Circuit. I know you played a central role in creating four new judgeships in the Middle District of Florida. I can assure you that, as we get names from you and Senator Graham, we will move them through the process as quickly as possible.
 2. I am calling to seek your commitment to vote in favor of Ninth Circuit judicial nominee Marsha Berzon. After having waited for more than two years, Berzon is scheduled to have a vote, next Wednesday, March 8, 2000.
 3. A partner at a San Francisco law firm, Berzon has impeccable credentials and is clearly well qualified for the position. Berzon has litigated cases before both the Ninth Circuit and the Supreme Court; at a Judiciary Committee executive session, Senator Hatch called Berzon "one of the best lawyers I've seen." Berzon is

supported by several major law enforcement organizations. I know that Judge Richard Arnold has expressed to you his high regard for Berzon.

4. I am calling to ask you for your commitment to support Marsha Berzon and to tell you that this vote is very important to me.

CONTACT PERSON AND

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): Senator Mack, home (DC): 202-543-5813
Senator Mack, home (FL): 941-936-7572
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Suzanne Schaffrat, Scheduler, office, 202-224-7287,
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DATE OF SUBMISSION: March 3, 2000

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

SUBJECT: OFFICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE FOR ONE AMERICA
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Meeting with Minority Journalist: We met with Dorothy Gilliam, a journalist with the Washington Post, and former president of the National Black Journalists Association. The meeting was a forerunner to one on diversity that we are planning to have with the leaders of all minority journalist associations. Ms. Gilliam was very helpful in advising us on how to engage the print media on diversity. She also said that if you plan to speak before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in April, it would be useful to highlight the need for more diversity in the newsrooms of daily newspapers.

We learned that 40% of all newspapers do not have any people of color in their ranks. She has agreed to provide us with statistical information on the number of minorities working for daily newspapers, both at the staff level and in decision-making management positions.

Army Corp of Engineers: Congressman James Clyburn sent you a letter citing his concerns about recent news accounts regarding the Army Corp of Engineers. I have attached the letter for your review. Aside from the points made in his letter, it appears that there is concern on the part of some CBC members that Lt. General Ballard is just doing his job and is not being supported strongly enough by civilian appointees in the Defense Department. Ballard is the highest-ranking African American general in the army.

Racial Profiling Legislation: Congressman John Conyers is preparing a bill, "Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2000" that goes a lot farther than his previous Bill on racial profiling. Along with amending sections of pre-existing law to increase avenues for relief, the bill would require the Justice Department to establish a task force to coordinate the investigation, prosecution and enforcement efforts of federal, state and local governments in cases related to law enforcement misconduct. Additionally, the Bill creates a commission to investigate civil rights complaints against INS and Customs Service and requires the Attorney General to perform an initial analysis of accreditation standards for law enforcement and recommend areas for more standards.

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ONDCP/BET Impasse: The impasse between the Office of the National Drug Control Policy and BET has still not been resolved. I've tried to get Bob Johnson together with General McCafferty, but to no avail. Bob wants to see higher numbers before he meets with the General. I recommended to John Podesta that he call Bob to see if he can break the impasse. According to the latest statistics, drug use has decreased in general, but since 1993, drug use among African Americans has significantly increased. Breaking this impasse may offer an opportunity to get more ONDCP ads targeted to a large African-American audience. See attached.

*TIP
You may want to get
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Blair Supports Plan to Remember Slaves: According to the London Times, Prime Minister Tony Blair is to introduce a formal national commemoration of the victims of slavery as a reminder of Britain's leading role in the trade that cost the lives of millions of Africans. The Prime Minister has overridden the objections of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and has decided to go ahead with the initiative, although its form is yet to be decided. The slavery initiative was proposed by New Nation, the weekly black newspaper, which favors a "Slavery Day". According to the 'Times, Mr. Straw was initially uncertain about the message that would be sent out by marking the day, but Mr. Blair is said to have been persuaded by the merits of the case.

CABINET RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLY

Department of Education

A Class Divided: On March 8, DOEd's Race Initiative Committee will host guest speaker Jane Elliott. In the video "A Class Divided," Ms. Elliott divided her all-white, all-Christian third-graders into blue- and brown-eyed groups for a lesson in discrimination. The video brings the students-turned-adults together 15 years later to discuss that experience and how it affected them over the years.

Department of Energy

Natural Gas Business Development Roundtable: On March 8, DOE will sponsor the 10th Meeting of the Natural Gas Business Development Roundtable for Small and Disadvantaged Businesses in Washington, DC. The Roundtable supports DOE's Natural Gas Minority Business Development Program for women and minority-owned business enterprises. Representatives from the natural gas industry, banking, commerce, and small business community, as well as other federal agencies are expected to attend.

General Services Administration

Honest Dialogues: Recently at the National Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Deputy Administrator Davis moderated a panel discussion entitled "An Honest Conversation About Race," to highlight GSA's Race Discussion Circles. In addition, GSA just appointed an SES level official to be the Race Discussion champion and coordinate the GSA discussions on race. Hundreds of employees have already

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participate in these facilitated race discussion and new ones are beginning. Two were just completed in San Francisco.

Black History Month: GSA Central Office and regional offices recently hosted programs as part of the observance of Black History Month. The DC program was called a "Salute to Ghana," featuring Koby A. Koomson, the Ambassador of Ghana to the US. The NY region had a guest speaker, Dr. Roscoe Brown, former Tuskegee Airman and Director of the Center for Urban Education Policy at the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of NY. In addition, the African Burial Ground Office of Memorialization sponsored The African Burial Ground Ring Shout Performance Series in the lobby of the Federal Building in Manhattan.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Policy to Sell Homes to Local Governments: HUD has launched a new initiative to sell local governments thousands of HUD-owned homes for \$1 each to create housing for families in need and to benefit neighborhoods. By selling vacant homes for \$1 after six months on the market, HUD will make it possible for communities to fix up the homes and put them to good use at a considerable savings. Local governments buying HUD homes for \$1 can sell or rent them to low- and moderate-income families, to first-time homebuyers, or to groups that will use the homes to provide services such as child care centers or job training centers.

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Homes in extremely deteriorated condition, where rehabilitation is not feasible, will be demolished by HUD and the vacant lots will be offered for sale to the local government for \$1. Secretary Cuomo and Congressman John Kasich of Ohio announced the new HUD Good Neighbor Policy stating that it was good for neighborhoods, communities and families.

Latina Issues Forum: Eva Plaza, Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, will deliver the keynote address at the Fifth Annual Latina Issues Forum in Moncure, North Carolina, March 11-12, sponsored by El Pueblo (an affiliate of the National Council of La Raza). The event, entitled "Counting on You for Our Future," will bring together Latina leaders of the Southeast to mobilize advocates and plan for future activism.

Best Practices Agreement: Assistant Secretary Eva Plaza and senior officials of Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. (Countrywide) signed a Declaration of Fair Lending Principles and "Best Practices" Agreement in Pasadena, California, on February 24th before an audience of 150+ people. This current agreement, which supplements a 1994 Agreement, memorializes Countrywide's commitment to the principle of providing greater opportunities to obtain mortgage credit for all creditworthy Americans regardless of race, creed, religion, ethnic background, gender, sexual preference, familial status, age and disability. The effective implementation of this principle has realized greater returns from existing markets, opened new markets to Countrywide, and will enable the

company to continue to work hard in delivering the American Dream of home ownership.

Department of Justice

Court Rejects DOJ Position in Hawaii Case: On February 23, in a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court held that Hawaii's voting requirement was a racial classification that violates the Fifteenth Amendment. The Court rejected Hawaii's analogy to differential treatment for Indian tribes, a quasi-sovereign authority. It also refused to extend the suspension of the one person-one vote rule for special purpose districts to this context. Finally, it rejected Hawaii's contention that the voting restriction was nothing more than a means of ensuring an alignment of interests between fiduciaries and the beneficiaries of a trust.

Social Security Administration

National American Indian/Alaska Native Service Delivery: On March 14 - 16, SSA will host a national American Indian/Alaska Native Service Delivery conference in Denver, CO. Tribal leaders throughout the United States and executives and staff from SSA, as well as representatives from other Federal, State, and local agencies, will be included among the 450 conference participants. Conference attendees will discuss American Indian and Alaska Native history and culture, better ways for American Indian and Alaska Natives to access Social Security services, and the recruitment and retention of American Indian and Alaska Native employees.

Census 2000: During the next two weeks, SSA has planned several Census 2000 related activities. On March 3, Myrtle Habersham, SSA's Georgia Regional Commissioner, will participate in the Georgia Census 2000 Black Leadership Summit at the Georgia State Capitol. This event, hosted by Governor Roy Barnes, will bring together over 300 African-American leaders from around the State to finalize outreach efforts to increase African-American participation in the decennial census. Also, SSA is developing messages to appear on SSA payroll statements during the payroll periods of March 7 and March 21. SSA will continue to publicize the importance of Census 2000 to employees through a variety of internal communication vehicles.

Department of Transportation

African-American History Month: On February 28, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration celebrated African American History Month with its first annual celebration in an event at DOT Headquarters. The program, "Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century," included presentations on notable African-Americans by members of the Ballou Senior High School Junior ROTC Corps, songs by the Ballou High School Male Choir, and a keynote address on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Mr. Delano R. Rackard, the Director of NC DOT's Office of Civil Rights and a noted authority on the life and works of Dr. King.

JAMES E. CLYBURN

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-4006

February 29, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing because I am greatly disturbed about recent articles appearing in the press regarding the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. I feel compelled to speak out in behalf of this vital agency and the fine job these professionals do in protecting our environment.

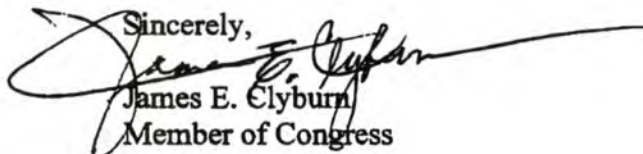
I served on the committee of jurisdiction over the Corps for six years. During this time I came to fully appreciate the mission of this agency, and I was constantly impressed with the quality and quantity of work undertaken by the Corps each year.

But I was most impressed by the Corps on a more personal level. The Corps of Engineers has a District Office located in Charleston, and it has been my pleasure to visit with the Colonel and his staff on numerous occasions. Each and every time I have met with them I was most appreciative of their desire to be of assistance.

In addition, I have met with General Ballard many times. His concern for balancing the environmental interests so vital to this nation against a pressing demand from your dynamic economic leadership is nothing short of miraculous. I took a personal affront to the tone of some of these press articles, which drew me to question the motives behind them.

I know as well as anyone that you cannot control what appears in the press, nor should you. But when I see an article so blatantly one sided I feel I need to speak out against this unfairness. This is especially true when it is regarding an agency and individuals whom I hold in such high regard. Thank you for allowing me to draw this to your attention.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress

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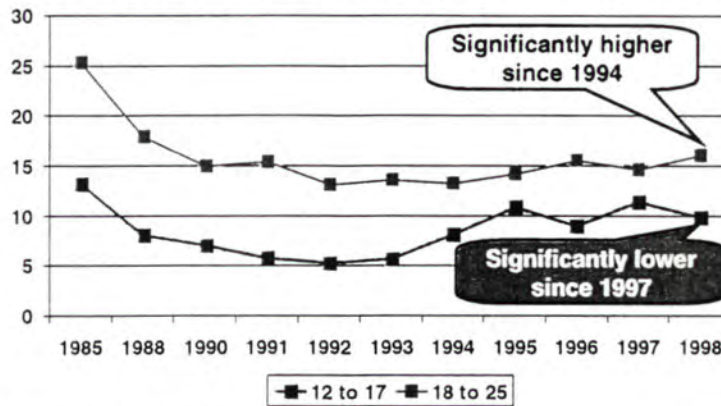
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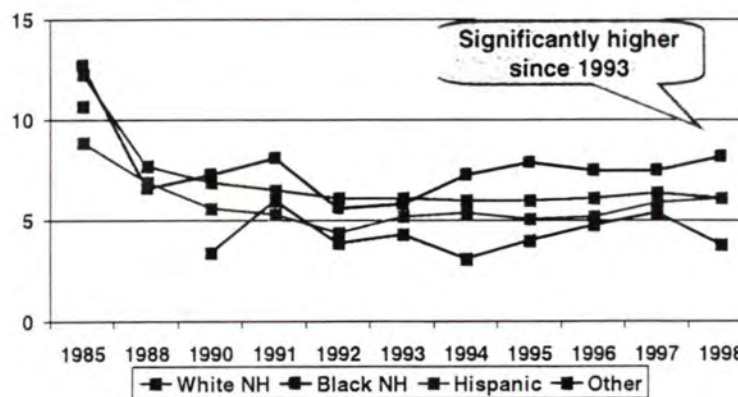
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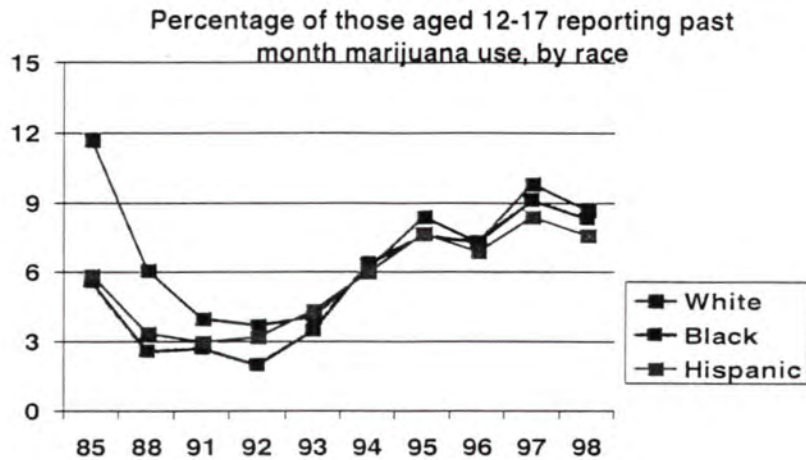


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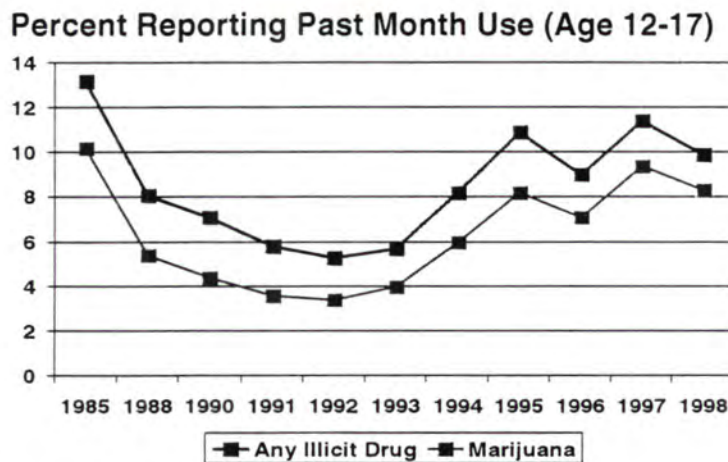
**Drug use cuts across youth in all racial and ethnic groups.
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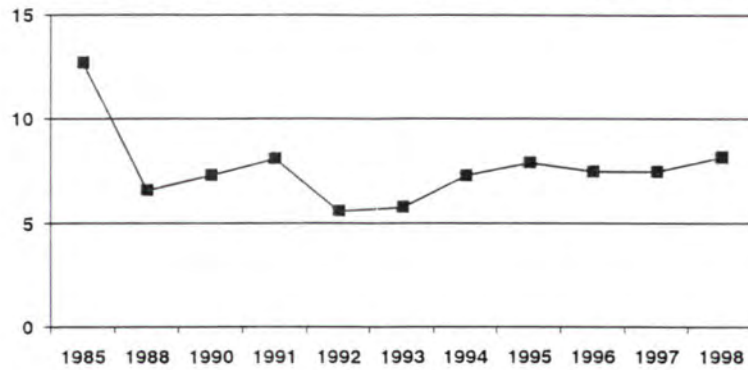


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Illicit drug use among non-Hispanic blacks in 1998 are significantly higher than in 1992 and 1993.

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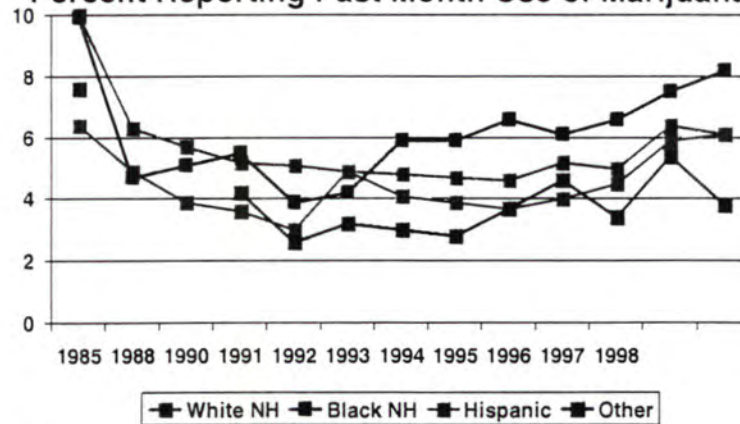
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Marijuana use among non-Hispanic blacks has exceeded other ethnic groups since 1994.

Percent Reporting Past Month Use of Marijuana



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 25, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARY BETH CAHILL
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT (February 18 to February 25)

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I. ACTIONS SUPPORTING PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:

CHINA PNTR

Your UUNET speech Wednesday was well received by the business coalition supporting US-China Trade and has been widely distributed. The Business Roundtable will begin airing television advertisements in key congressional districts that have been targeted by labor. Representative Bonior's comment Thursday that China PNTR is losing support in Congress is not seen as credible among activists the business community, but there is concern that such unnecessary comments affect momentum. Tom Donohue continues to be berated by the business community for the US Chamber of Commerce's announced support for candidates opposing pro-China PNTR Democrats this fall. This is a reversal of Donohue's previous assurances that he would support candidates supportive of China PNTR.

National Farmers Union vote to oppose China PNTR. On Monday, February 28, the NFU voted 64-62 against supporting PNTR with China. The NFU delegates from MN, the largest of the state representative delegations at the convention, dominated this vote and opposed PNTR based on their human rights concerns. Secretary Glickman was on hand to address the convention and many say that the defeat would have been far worse had he not been there.

PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS

Patient's Bill of Rights Coalition re-energized after Presidential event. In a lead-up meeting to your event on Thursday, Podesta met with the Patients Bill of Rights Coalition leaders. They are pleased that the Administration supports the Norwood/Dingell bill and they do not want to lose any portion of this bill during conference. This coalition will continue to fight for the Norwood/Dingell bill on Capitol Hill.

II. CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES:

AFRICAN OUTREACH

Mfume of NAACP and Price of National Urban League urge AG Reno to prosecute the police officers to the fullest extent of the law. Over 3,000 participated in Thursday's rally in front of DOJ led by Reverend Al Sharpton's National Action Network and the family of Diallo. The Diallo family is urging you and the AG to investigate the acquittal of the four policemen

charged in the case. Civil Rights organization leaders will also call on Congress this month to introduce and pass a law enforcement bill that requires the AG to perform an analysis of existing law enforcement accreditation standards and recommend areas for the development of national standards for accreditation of law enforcement agencies. Organizational leaders will meet with the Administration on Monday to discuss the proposed Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2000.

National Urban League's Hugh Price urges you and your administration to utilize its regulatory and financial leverage to compel local police departments to reform their policies and practices. After a Friday press conference in Washington, DC, Price sent a letter to you recommending: 1.) promulgate a series of best personnel and firearms practices based on real world experiences; 2.) require local police departments that receive federal assistance to institute and adhere to the best practices as a condition of continued receipt of federal aid; 3.) suspend federal funding for local departments that experience and fail to address serious problems of police brutality and abuse; and 4.) terminate federal aid to local departments that steadfastly refuse to implement best practices. Price is concerned that after last week's Diallo verdict, the African American community has lost a significant amount of faith in the ability of state courts to dispense justice and the capacity of local police departments to police themselves.

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AGRICULTURE OUTREACH

Leland Swenson re-elected as president of NFU. On Saturday, February 26, delegates to the National Farmers Union's (NFU) 98th Anniversary Convention in Salt Lake City, UT re-elected president Leland Swenson and elected Alan Bergman as the organization's new vice president. Swenson, who ran unopposed, has served as president of the NFU for 12 years. Bergman, who succeeds Ohio Farmers Union President Charlie Nash, has served as president of the North Dakota Farmers Union from 1986 and 1996 and is a third-generation family farmer, raising small grains and livestock near Judd, North Dakota.

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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OUTREACH

OPL Hosts Meeting with Bangladeshi American Community on Trip to South Asia. A dozen Bangladeshi American leaders met with OPL, NSC and the State Department to share ideas regarding your upcoming trip to South Asia. The leaders expressed their hope that the President would highlight the need for conflict resolution among political factions and cautioned not to be perceived as supporting either the current government leadership or the opposition. They also asked that your trip focus on the issues of health and the environment (i.e. major problem with arsenic in water supply) and expansion of business and trade between the U.S. and Bangladesh.

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GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH

Virginia M. Apuzzo, will serve as interim National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Political Director. Apuzzo is the current holder of the Virginia Apuzzo Chair for Leadership in Public Policy at the NGLTF Policy Institute and the former Executive Director. She will be in charge of NGLTF's program efforts, which include state and federal advocacy, communications operations and local organizing and training, including NGLTF's annual "Creating Change" conference.

HISPANIC OUTREACH

Hispanic Organizations continue their efforts supporting Paez. They have met with the following Senators and have confirmation of their support for Paez when a vote occurs: Hatch, Smith, Jeffords, Spector Bennett and Chaffee. Senator Fitzgerald is feeling the pressure from the groups and it appears he is urging for a vote to occur - even though he has not specified his position on Paez. In other hill outreach efforts, Jane Garcia, lead representative for the Senate Republican Hispanic Task Force (a group of Republican Hispanic leaders from across the US) called and urged Hatch to support Paez when he came up for a vote. According to readouts from the call Hatch committed to supporting Paez.

RELIGIOUS OUTREACH

Lott Committed to Vote This Month on Religious Liberty Protection Act. A reliable source in the religious community has told us that Lott fears Hatch may make a deal that Lott would not find acceptable and so plans to move the bill to the floor by the end of the month, allowing votes on amendments on prisons and civil rights. Those still pushing the bill feel that a restricted bill could pass any time, and so are willing to take their chances on a cloture vote.

Priorities for Catholic Charities. Father Fred Kammer has written to Senator Domenici asking that they: increase funding for Child Care and Development Block Grants; support a minimum of 120,000 new section 8 housing vouchers; fund provisions allowing states to cover legal immigrant children in their Medicaid and SCHIP programs; restore Social Service Block Grant funding to \$2.3 billion; give a 10 percent increase for all Older American Act programs; increase Commerce-Justice-State appropriations for community-based juvenile crime prevention by 10 percent; and urges a significant increase over FY 2000 funding levels for enforcing civil rights laws.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

White House meetings held with family planning groups. Steve Ricchetti, Ann Lewis and Martha Foley met with groups to discuss the international gag rule. Organizations seek the Administration's commitment that international family planning and an international gag rule will never again become part of a bargaining process as it did with UN arrears. Domestic groups also met with OMB/OIRA regarding the domestic gag rule. Organizations request the quick and permanent revocation of the Title X gag rule.

Next week fetal tissue hearings will take place in the House. It is believed that 20/20 has planned a story on fetal tissue to air Wednesday evening that will coincide with the hearings and outline issues with the illegal sale of fetal tissue.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
MEMORANDUM

March 3, 2000

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
STEPHANIE CUTTER

RE: Communications Weekly Report

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OVERVIEW:

This week, through events, speeches, and other message vehicles, we pushed out the message that you are leading the nation through executive action and by challenging Congress to take action for the American people. We made significant progress in raising public pressure on Congress and in demonstrating your leadership by calling on them to do the right thing by passing common sense gun legislation.

We also continue to work with DPC, NEC and the Press Office to develop strategic, long-term plans to communicate with the American people over the course of the year on key issues including health care, education, environment, youth violence/common sense gun control measures, China/WTO and National Service. In addition, we are working to plan your upcoming events and prepare domestic news events for your Cabinet and other Administration officials while you are traveling abroad next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 5 – Selma Anniversary:

We are working in close cooperation with Political Affairs, Scheduling, the Press Office, Maria Echaveste, Speechwriting and others on your trip to Alabama commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery. You are the first sitting president ever to visit Selma for the city's annual commemoration of the "Bloody Sunday" attack that occurred on March 7, 1965. Your participation in this event demonstrates your leadership in bringing the nation together and addressing the challenges of creating a "One America." We will distribute your speech to editorial writers, columnists, and other opinion makers as well as to civil rights groups and other constituency organizations.

Tuesday, March 7 – Statement on Guns:

On Tuesday, in response to your invitation, you are meeting with the main conferees of the Juvenile Justice Bill-HR 1501: Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Patrick Leahy, Representative John Conyers, Jr. and Representative Henry Hyde. Following the meeting, you will make a statement, again calling for common sense gun legislation. Despite the challenges posed by "Super Tuesday," we expect significant media interest in this meeting.

Wednesday, March 8 – China/WTO Framing Speech:

At the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, you will give remarks on the importance of congressional action this year to bring China into the World Trade Organization. This speech will frame the key arguments in favor of China's membership in the WTO. It will include that increased trade with China will benefit Americans by increasing economic benefits as well as open Chinese society, allowing for democratization and the free exchange of ideas, thus reducing human rights violations. This speech is intended to appeal to the "elites" – such as editorial writers, columnists, foreign policy experts, academics and other opinion makers – who will help shape the argument surrounding the China WTO debate as well as garner support. We are working with Steve Ricchetti, NEC, the Press Office and others to plan other events that will appeal to other significant audiences – such as an event with the former Presidents showcasing the importance this agreement poses to the national interest and levels of non-partisan support for China WTO as well as an event to demonstrate the benefits of China WTO for America's farmers.

Wednesday, March 8 – Minimum Wage Event:

On Thursday, the House is expected to begin debate on legislation to raise the minimum wage. To ensure that the House passes a bill that provides fair wages for working Americans, on Wednesday we are working with Legislative Affairs, NEC, Press and others to plan a rally on the Hill with Members of Congress, workers, employers, labor unions, and others. This event will build support for your proposal to increase the minimum wage by \$1 over 2 years and help define the debate against Republican attempts either to delay the increase by phasing it in over 3 years or to attach a fiscally irresponsible, poison pill tax cut that they know would lead to a veto.

Thursday, March 9 – Departure Statement on Prescription Drugs:

We are considering using your departure on Thursday to a DCCC lunch to make a statement on the need to provide real prescription drug benefits for America's seniors. We may use this statement to announce that we are sending prescription drug legislation that would modernize Medicare to cover prescription drugs and eliminate the excessive financial burden on seniors. You may be joined by Democratic Members of Congress to demonstrate that we are unified and ready to move forward to help seniors.

Thursday, March 9 – One America Meeting with Religious Leaders:

On Thursday, you will be joined by religious leaders of all denominations and members of the civil rights community to discuss actions we can take in communities across the nation to create a "One America." The event will be similar to the "Call to Action" event with leaders of the legal community – and will be echoed again next month when you meet with leaders of corporate America. Sandy Cloud, head of the National Conference for Community and Justice, will present a series of new commitments leaders of American religious organizations are undertaking in response to your leadership on this issue. We are working with Maria Echaveste, OPL, One America, the Press Office and others to coordinate communications for this event with a special emphasis on garnering local coverage through the various religious leaders in the audience from around the nation.

Friday, March 10 – FAA Event:

On Friday, you will meet here at the White House with CEO's of the major airlines, representatives of air traffic, pilot and machinist unions, consumer groups and members of your Cabinet for a meeting on FAA/industry efforts to improve overall efficiency and safety of air travel. In a statement following this meeting, you will announce a new partnership between the FAA, the airline industry and unions to ensure better service to the flying public during severe weather. In addition to calling on Congress to pass comprehensive FAA reform legislation, you will direct the FAA to develop an action plan that identifies both executive actions and legislative solutions to the consumer and safety problems of air travel. This event will demonstrate that, despite Congressional inaction on this issue, you continue to take action for

the American people in response to last summer's significant weather delays that affected the travel of millions of Americans.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

Preparing For Domestic Communications During Your Trip Abroad:

We are coordinating a domestic communications process among other offices to develop a domestic communications strategy that ensures your Cabinet and other members of your Administration make domestic news on key agenda issues while you are travelling to India and Bangladesh March 18-26.

Commencement Addresses: We continue to work with NEC, DPC, the Press Office, OPL, IGA, Karen Tramontano, Joel Johnson and others to develop a strategic approach to your commencement addresses this spring.

Conference on New Economy: We are working with Gene Sperling, Scheduling, Press and others on the initial planning of your Conference on the New Economy scheduled for April 5th. We are narrowing down format and audience options as well as developing a communications plan to ensure maximum coverage of this event.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. T.M.
KRIS M. BALDERSTON KMB

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Ecuador:** On February 29, Ecuador passed important reform legislation that includes adoption of the U.S. dollar, privatization of key industries, and liberalization of foreign investment in a much-needed oil pipeline. Although implementation risks remain, the legislation was a necessary step toward establishing a strong reform program and receiving the support of the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. Provided Ecuadorian authorities take a handful of further measures, including announcing domestic fuel price increases, an IMF program could be finalized by the end of March.
- **Appropriations:** On March 9 and 16, Secretary Summers will testify before the Senate Appropriations Treasury/Postal Subcommittee and the House Appropriations Treasury/Postal Subcommittee on Treasury's FY2001 Budget request. The Secretary will highlight the major priorities of the budget request, which include supporting IRS reform, strengthening our ability to fight drugs and crime, enhancing financial reporting and resource accountability, investing in community and economic growth, and maintaining support for management operations.
- **World Bank Trust Fund:** On March 8, Under Secretary Geithner, with other Administration officials, will testify regarding Congressman Leach's bill to establish and fund a World Bank Trust Fund on AIDS. Treasury is generally supportive of allocating additional resources toward combating communicable diseases. Under Secretary Geithner in his testimony will stress the economic importance and development imperative of addressing this public health crisis.
- **Education Savings Accounts:** Treasury's Offices of Tax Policy and Legislative Affairs are providing assistance to Senators regarding Senator Coverdell's Affordable Education Act, which would provide tax advantages for education savings accounts. The

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Administration strongly opposes the legislation because it diverts needed resources away from public schools and disproportionately benefits the most affluent families while providing little benefit to lower and middle-income families. You vetoed similar legislation in 1998 and former Secretary Rubin and Secretary Riley, in May 1999, threatened a veto of the legislation that is currently under consideration.

- **IMF/World Bank Meeting Security:** In preparation for the Spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC on April 16-18, and in an effort to avoid the type of security issues that arose in Seattle during the WTO meeting, Treasury's Office of Enforcement and the Secret Service has reviewed the security plan being developed by the Metropolitan Police Department, including the security perimeter and the credentials process, as well as issues relating to traffic, demonstration permits, and internal security at the World Bank and the IMF.
- **Bangladesh:** In preparation for your upcoming trip to Bangladesh, Treasury will negotiate with Bangladeshi government officials on a debt relief package under the Tropical Forest Conservation Act (the Portman Act) that will generate funds to support protection of Bangladesh's tropical forests. Although it is unlikely that a "framework agreement" on debt relief and a conservation trust fund will be completed in time for your visit to Dhaka, an announcement could be made indicating that Bangladesh is eligible for this debt relief measure and that negotiations between our two governments are underway.

Good - I want to help them very much.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **INS Employee Espionage Charge:** On February 18, a criminal complaint was filed charging an INS employee with a violation of the Espionage Act and making false statements to FBI and INS agents. The employee allegedly communicated information relating to the national defense to an unauthorized person. He was a section chief for adjudications in the INS Miami Field Office, held a "Secret" security clearance, oversaw adjudication and naturalization decisions, and had access to classified and sensitive INS files, such as those relating to confidential law enforcement sources and Cuban defectors. During the past year, the employee allegedly had several undisclosed private contacts with Cuban intelligence officers and several meetings and telephone discussions with a Cuban-born New York businessman, who allegedly also met with Cuban intelligence officers.
- **Court Rejects DOJ Position in Hawaii Case:** On February 23, the Supreme Court reversed the Ninth Circuit in a case presenting the question whether Hawaii's voting requirement to limit the right to vote for the trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to the "descendant[s] of the aboriginal peoples inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands which exercised sovereignty and subsisted in the Hawaiian Islands in 1778, and which peoples thereafter have continued to reside in Hawaii," violated the Fourteenth and

Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution. OHA is the principal public agency responsible for the administration of programs relating to native Hawaiians. DOJ argued, as *amicus* supporting the State of Hawaii, that it is constitutionally permissible for Hawaii to impose the voting requirement. In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court held that Hawaii's voting requirement was a racial classification that violates the Fifteenth Amendment. The Court rejected Hawaii's analogy to differential treatment for Indian tribes, a quasi-sovereign authority.

- **Computer Hacker:** On February 23, an individual was charged in a three count information with using his home computer to illegally access a number of computers, including those controlled by NASA and DOD.
- **AZ Internet Voting:** On February 24, DOJ pre-cleared, under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, procedures for the AZ Democratic Party presidential preference primary to be held on March 11. The submitted procedures included the use of Internet voting, the first time DOJ has received such a submission. At the same time, DOJ will be evaluating the steps the AZ Democratic Party takes to increase access to voting for minorities, especially AZ's Native American population, to offset any potential disparate impact caused by Internet voting.
- **Duke University Access Suit:** On February 23, DOJ entered into a Settlement Agreement with Duke University in Durham, NC. The settlement resolves a complaint, filed by a student who uses a wheelchair and who graduated in 1997, alleging that a number of Duke buildings and facilities were not accessible. Duke has agreed to make a broad range of programs more accessible, including academics, dining and living facilities, and social aspects of campus life. This is the first agreement the DOJ has reached regarding widespread accessibility of a college or university.
- **Indian Voting Rights:** On February 23, Benson County, ND, signed a consent decree enjoining the use of at-large voting for their county commission, and providing single-member districts beginning with the June 2000 local election. Until 1992 the Benson County Commissioners were elected from voting districts. The county changed to at-large voting after the election of the first Native American to the commission. The decree establishes boundaries for two voting districts, one of which is majority-Indian.
- **Internet Child Pornography Conference:** From March 14-16, and DOJ will co-sponsor an Internet Child Pornography and Child Support Investigations and Prosecutions conference in Savannah, GA. Attendees will include federal, state, and local prosecutors, investigators, and service providers. The training will focus on computer search and seizure, child sexual exploitation, international parental kidnapping, and trial presentations in Internet and child support cases.

- **Firearm Background Check Report:** During the week of March 6, DOJ's Bureau of Justice Statistics is expected to release *Survey of States Related to Firearm Sales, Midyear 1999*. The report provides an overview of the firearm check procedures in each state and interaction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System operated by the FBI. This report continues ongoing data collection on the number of applications received, the number of rejections, the reason for the rejection, and other processing information associated with each application to purchase a firearm.
- **Kids and Guns Publication:** In early March, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is expected to release *Kids and Guns*. This bulletin, derived from *Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1999 National Report*, provides an overview of national data that show the impact the availability of guns has had on the lives and well-being of American youth. While other types of homicide remained constant between 1987 and 1993, the number of juveniles killed with a firearm increased greatly. Analysis of the data show that the rise in murders of juveniles from the mid-1980's through the 1993 peak year was all firearm related, as was the subsequent decline in juvenile murders that occurred between 1993 and 1997. The bulletin also reports on the large role guns have in juvenile suicides.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **Federal Oil Valuation Rule:** On March 15, DOI will publish the final federal oil valuation rule in the *Federal Register*. Congress prohibited publication of the final rule until March 15, as a provision of the FY2000 DOI Appropriations Act. Briefings to Members of Congress are being offered after March 8, when the rule has been sent to the *Federal Register*. A briefing for press, industry, public interest and environmental groups, and other interested parties will be held on March 14, the day before publication, when the *Federal Register* will make the final rule publicly available.
- **NJ Sand and Gravel Public Meeting:** On February 28, DOI held an meeting in Bradley Beach, NJ, to gather information and interest regarding whether DOI should proceed to prepare an EIS for a possible commercial sand and gravel sale in Federal waters offshore northern NJ. The meeting was arranged by Congressman Pallone. Over 200 union members participated.
- **Micronesia and Marshall Islands Compact Spending:** A General Accounting Office audit team will be in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands for five weeks beginning in mid-March. GAO is reviewing how the islands spent nearly \$3 billion in Federal funds received over the past 15 years under the terms of their Compact of Free Association. The Senate is looking for data to help it conduct an oversight hearing proposed for April.

- **BioBot Debuts:** The National Biological Information Infrastructure Development Team has unveiled the first intelligent biological search engine on the Internet. BioBot will aid in the discovery, access, and delivery of information by providing a centralized location to search for much of the biological information currently found on the Internet.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **China PNTR:** Secretary Glickman will stress the importance of favorable congressional action on Chinese permanent normal trade relations, during remarks to the mid-year convention of the National Association of State Directors of Agriculture in Washington, DC on March 3, and the Commodity Classic, a convention of over 1000 farmers, in Orlando, FL on March 6. During his trip to FL, the Secretary tentatively plans to hold a media availability in a citrus grove, highlighting that particular aspect of the Chinese-U.S. agreement on China's WTO accession. Both speeches will also feature the proposals included in your FY2001 budget to strengthen the farm safety net.
- **Organic Foods:** On March 8, Secretary Glickman will unveil USDA's new proposal to establish a national organic foods standard. When first announced two years ago, the proposal attracted more public comments than any other USDA proposal, over 250,000, and has since been rewritten to address concerns about the use of genetically-modified organisms, irradiation, and biosludge.
- **Pork Check Off Program:** On February 28, during remarks to the annual convention of the National Farmers' Union, in Salt Lake City, Secretary Glickman called for a vote on whether the pork check off program – a research and promotional program financed through assessments on the sale of every pig – should continue. The petition drive to secure the vote has been deeply controversial within the pork industry.
- **Agriculture Concentration Issues:** On February 28, Under Secretary Dunn held the first of three meetings USDA will conduct with state attorneys general and commissioners of agriculture to discuss agriculture concentration and state and federal legislation mandating reporting of livestock transaction prices.
- **Commodity Markets:** Widespread rains and spillover pressure from declining corn prices sent wheat lower. Corn prices dropped as a result of improved planting prospects in the Corn Belt. Soybean cash prices moved higher on brisk exports, but futures fell on reports of good weather in South America. Rice prices fell on lackluster demand and declining world prices. A good *Export Sales* report helped boost cotton prices. Declining beef prices led cattle prices down. Hog prices moved up following the President's Day holiday. Broilers moved higher, despite pressure from large supplies. Cheese prices continued to hover just above support. Butter ended up for the week in volatile trade.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Open Computing Center in Russia:** The Bureau of Export Administration met with DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on February 24 to discuss development of an open computing center in the city of Snezhinsk, Russia (the secret nuclear city formerly known as Chelyabinsk-70). The proposed center, to be funded by the DOE's Nuclear Cities Initiative, would be a civilian entity supporting software development. The facility would use computers previously exported to Russia without the necessary export licenses, thereby resolving a compliance issue with Russian authorities.
- **Mozambique Flood:** As part of the Global Disaster Information Network, DOC's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) has been asked to provide satellite imagery of the flooding in Mozambique. NESDIS is providing radar data to analyze the extent of the flooding and polar-orbiting satellite data to assess the extent of crop damage. Imaging is being provided to the USAID/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance and to the Vice President.
- **Safe Harbor Discussions with EU:** Discussions with EU Director General John Mogg during the week of February 21 in Brussels, Belgium, led to a breakthrough on enforcement issues of the safe harbor proposal regarding E-commerce privacy protection. The EU now recognizes that self-regulation is an effective means of providing privacy protection for consumers.
- **Child Online Protection Act (COPA):** The COPA Commission will hold its first meeting March 7 at DOC in Washington. As part of COPA, Congress established a Commission to study methods of reducing access to material that is harmful to minors on the Internet and to report its findings to Congress. DOC is working with the other ex-officio members of the Commission from DOJ and the FTC to organize this effort.
- **Wireless Innovations Initiative:** On February 29, DOC announced the Wireless Innovations in Communications Initiative (WICI) to enable Federal agencies to promote more actively innovation in communications technologies. WICI will be led by a committee of federal experts within the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee, which is chaired by NTIA.
- **Quest for Excellence Conference:** During March 12-15, Quest for Excellence XII, the official conference of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, will be held in Washington, DC.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Skill Standards and O*Net:** The Office of Policy and Research, in conjunction with the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, will kick-off an effort to link O*NET (Occupational Information Network) with skill standards developed by the Manufacturing Skills Standard Council under the auspices of the National Skill Standards Board and Voluntary Partnerships. This partnership may provide a prototype for integration of O*NET and standards developed by other partnerships in the future.
- **Tyson Foods Settlement:** Tyson Foods, Inc., has agreed to pay \$230,000 to settle allegations of discriminatory hiring practices against women and minorities at its Forest, MS, poultry plant. Under the agreement with DOL, Tyson also will review its employee selection procedures to ensure non-discriminatory hiring in the future.
- **Toll Free Grants:** DOL expects to announce the award of seven America's Jobs Network National Toll-Free Help Line grants totaling \$1,375,000. The grants will provide funds to be used in establishing an effective response system for dislocated workers through a national Toll-Free Help Line which operates from a National Call Center in Chantilly, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **International Conference on Nosocomial and Healthcare-Associated Infections:** From March 5-9, CDC is cosponsoring the Fourth Decennial International Conference on Nosocomial and Healthcare-associated Infections in Atlanta, GA with the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Each year, approximately two million people in the U.S. acquire infections while hospitalized for other conditions. These infections account for 88,000 deaths, cost approximately \$4.6 billion, and can occur in patients in other health care delivery sites such as nursing homes, outpatient clinics, and dialysis centers. This conference will highlight new strategies for preventing infections and promoting safety among patients and health care personnel.
- **Osteoporosis Conference:** On March 27-29, NIH will host a Consensus Development Conference on Osteoporosis Prevention. Now seen as a largely preventable disease due to progress that has been made in the scientific understanding of its causes, diagnosis and treatment, osteoporosis affects more than ten million Americans, with women four times more likely to contract the disorder. An independent, non-Federal panel will weigh the evidence and develop a draft statement of conclusions.

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- ✓ **Neighborhood Networks - Baltimore, MD:** Communities On Line, the Neighborhood Networks center at the Orchard Mews Apartments in Baltimore, provides residents with entrepreneurial and other employment-related services. It offers training in microenterprise development through SBA, computer literacy training, training in word processing, spreadsheet, and other office software applications, and job readiness, placement, and retention services. The center has developed job partnerships with AT&T, the Knott Foundation, and the Baltimore office of the Urban League.

- **Queens, NY Housing Assistance:** Secretary Cuomo and Congressman Crowley announced \$75,000 in HUD assistance to benefit residents of the Queensbridge public housing development in Queens, NY. Over 3,000 families currently live in Queensbridge, making it the largest public housing development in the nation. HUD awarded a \$50,000 Community Development Technical Assistance Grant to the development's Jacob Riis Community Center. The center will run a program with LaGuardia Community College to provide job training for young people in telecommunications and information technology. HUD also awarded a \$25,000 Drug Elimination Grant to Queensbridge.
- **Housing Fraud Initiative:** Working with local housing and law enforcement officials, HUD's Fraud Initiative has produced theft and false claims convictions in Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY. The Initiative has also prompted arrests in Staten Island and Long Island, NY. HUD losses range from as low as \$24,000 to as much as \$6 million.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Boston Central Artery Oversight:** On February 25, a task force began review of federal oversight of the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston, MA. The state reported that the project cost estimates showed a \$1.4 billion increase over previous estimates. The appointment of the task force is one step in a six-part action plan developed by the Federal Highway Administration in response to issues raised in a DOT Inspector General report.
- **Aviation Forecast Conference:** On March 8-10, the FAA will host the 25th Annual FAA Commercial Aviation Forecast Conference, in Washington, DC. This conference will join the commercial and general aviation conferences for the first time in over a decade. The event will coincide with the annual release of FAA's Aerospace Forecasts FY2000-2011.
- **Delegation to Switzerland:** From March 6-10, NHTSA's Director of International Policy and Harmonization will lead the U.S. delegation to Geneva, Switzerland, to attend the world forum for the harmonization of vehicle safety and environmental regulations, sponsored by the UN. The group will discuss the Agreement on Global Technical Regulations which the U.S. signed in June 1998. The U.S. delegation will encourage other countries to sign the Agreement (EU, Canada, Japan, France, and the UK have already become contracting parties). The agreement will enter into force once eight countries or regional economic integration organizations become contracting parties, a milestone that is expected this summer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Implementation:** On March 1, the National Nuclear Security Administration formally began operation. Until an Under Secretary for Nuclear Security is nominated by you, Secretary Richardson will perform the duties and functions of the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and serve as the Administrator for Nuclear Security. All of DOE's programs -- including the NNSA and the offices over science, environmental management, renewable energy and nuclear power -- will continue to work together. DOE current staff offices will continue to provide business, administrative, financial and other support services to NNSA, as needed. NNSA laboratories and facilities will continue to perform work and provide services to non-NNSA missions and programs just as they did prior to March 1. Similarly, non-NNSA laboratories and facilities will perform work and provide services to NNSA missions and programs just as they did prior to March 1, as a service provider to the NNSA.
- **Human Chromosome DNA Sequencing:** In March 2000, the DOE Joint Genome Institute will reach a major milestone by completing the draft DNA sequence for three human chromosomes - 5, 16, and 19. These three human chromosomes are DOE's share of the international effort to determine the DNA sequence of the entire human genome and to make that information publicly available to all scientists. This milestone will represent the second, third, and fourth human chromosomes whose draft or complete DNA sequence have been determined and deposited in a public database. In December 1999, an international team announced the completion of the high quality DNA sequence of the smallest human chromosome, chromosome 22. Chromosomes 5, 16, and 19, are already known to contain genes important in more than 150 diseases such as leukemia, schizophrenia, kidney disease, colon cancer, and myotonic dystrophy.
- **Energy Communities Alliance:** On March 9, Secretary Richardson will keynote the Energy Communities Alliance Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. The conference will focus on environmental cleanup, health and safety, and economic development issues in communities around DOE facilities.
- **Gasoline Prices Up, Stocks Down:** Reported stock draws for the week ending February 18 put additional pressure on gasoline spot prices. Conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor spiked almost 11 cents to 93.45 cents per gallon. Refinery problems contributed to a boost of over 10 cents in California gasoline spot prices. The average U.S. retail gasoline price hit a third-in-a-row record-breaking high for the history of this survey dating to August 1990. As of February 28, the average was \$1.421 cents per gallon following a 1.5-cent per gallon gain over last week that perpetuated a half-dollar surplus over a year ago. Continuing gains in the gasoline spot market and the seasonal

advance ahead of summer were contributing factors to this week's rise. A 7.4 cent gain in the average California-grade gasoline put the average retail price at \$1.518 cents per gallon.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Annual School Safety Report:** In March, the 1999 Annual Report on School Safety, produced by DOEd's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, will be sent to every school and superintendent in the U.S. The report's findings, based on data from 1997, present an updated description of the nature and extent of crime and violence on school property. The report also describes the steps that schools have taken to prevent school violence, including 54 Safe Schools/Healthy Students sites.
- **Study on Federal Education Funding:** In mid-March, DOEd expects to release Study of Education Resources and Federal Funding: Final Report, which will examine the distribution and uses of funds from Goals 2000 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. A preliminary report was released in July 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **New National Cemetery in Atlanta, GA:** This week, VA officials are visiting Atlanta, GA to study potential sites for a national cemetery. Since planning criteria mandate that the site be located within a 75 mile radius of the veteran population, officials will be visiting nine sites in six counties surrounding Atlanta. Approximately 400,000 veterans will be served by the future cemetery.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Clean Air Act Lawsuits against Electric Utilities:** On March 1, as part of an ongoing initiative to stop pollution illegally released from coal-fired power plants, DOJ, acting on behalf of the EPA, expanded lawsuits filed against electric utilities in November 1999. The U.S. is increasing the number of power plants cited in complaints filed against American Electric Power, Cinergy, and their affiliates. The government also is asking the U.S. District Court in Atlanta for permission to increase the number of power plants and companies cited in its lawsuit against Southern Company subsidiaries. In November 1999, the U.S. charged that these companies violated the Clean Air Act at twelve of their power plants by making major modifications to the plants without installing equipment required to control smog, acid rain and soot. The government asserts that another twelve facilities owned by these defendants also failed to comply with these Clean Air Act requirements. The power plants targeted include five American Electric Power facilities in OH, WV, and VA; two Cinergy plants in IN; and five plants in GA, MI, FL, and AL operated by Southern Company affiliates.

- **Emission Standards for Lawn and Garden Equipment:** On March 1, EPA will issue final emission reduction standards for small handheld engines used in equipment such as leaf blowers, weed whackers and chainsaws. Emissions from these engines currently contribute up to five percent of annual national hydrocarbon emissions. EPA's final standards will reduce hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides emissions from these engines 78 percent beyond current requirements.

UNITED NATIONS

- **Iraq:** On March 1 the Security Council agreed on a proposal to facilitate Iraqi pilgrims making the Haj to Saudi Arabia, while remaining within the provisions of the relevant Security Council resolutions. The Government of Iraq may, however, again reject this effort. UNMOVIC Executive Chairman Blix assumed office on March 1, and gave a press conference. Soon-to-depart Humanitarian Coordinator Hans Von Sponeck also gave a March 1 press conference in which he criticized the U.S. and the sanctions regime against Iraq.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Drug Free Communities Advisory Commission:** On March 8, Director McCaffrey will address the Drug-Free Communities Advisory Commission and participate in a portion of its meeting (which will be hosted by OH's First Lady and Drug Free Communities commissioner, Hope Taft). The Commission's eleven members provide expert advice on community coalitions and suggestions for enhancing the Drug Free Communities Program to the Director of ONDCP and the Drug Free Communities Program Administrator. The Director will also attend a meeting of representatives from all of the OH coalitions that have received Drug Free Communities grants to hear their comments and concerns regarding the program.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Financial Reporting:** SBA has received the audit report for the FY1999 statements. That report provides SBA an unqualified opinion for the fourth straight year for its 1999 financial statements. This is the highest rating possible for an independent audit by outside certified public accountants. This rating is continuing recognition of the strength of SBA's financial condition, and the accuracy and integrity of its financial records. SBA is the only federal credit agency ever to receive four unqualified opinions in a row.
- **Oil Price Relief:** At your request, SBA will make government-backed loans available to small businesses struggling under the financial burden of rapidly rising oil prices. The 7(a) program loans would be available to qualified businesses that need funds to weather current problems caused by high oil prices. SBA will be able to meet the expected demand for funds using existing loan products under the business loan guaranty program.

SBA has several short-term revolving loan programs which are especially suitable for helping small businesses get through this temporary crisis. On February 8, Administrator Alvarez directed SBA field offices to alert affected companies in the fuel oil business of SBA loan programs available to help them.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **African Burial Ground:** On February 29, GSA awarded the African Burial Ground Interpretive Center Design and Fabrication contract to IDI Construction Company, Inc. of New York. The firm will have approximately four months to design the center and present the product to GSA.

Afterschool Website: Since the launch of www.afterschool.gov by Vice President Gore a few months ago, the website's popularity has soared. More than 5,000 pages on the site are viewed each week. The website is the product of an interagency partnership initiative among GSA, NPR, and 15 other agencies, and is housed on the GSA server. It is a "one-stop" location to learn about Federal resources, programs and best practices to support out-of-school time programs and is the top-rated afterschool website on AOL.

- **Good Neighbor Efforts:** Recently GSA met with Utica city officials and congressional staff to discuss a new partnership to revitalize the downtown federal courthouse plaza and city park in Utica, NY. Currently the historically significant courthouse and federal building are adjacent to a city-owned park and parking lot. GSA is reaching out to the community to link its improvements to the federal plaza to these two properties in an effort to draw federal employees and building users out into the community and attract new local development.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **U.S.-Korean Social Security Agreement:** SSA is working with State and the Korean Embassy to complete arrangements for the signing of a U.S.-Korean Social Security (Totalization) agreement. The Korean Government originally proposed negotiating a Totalization agreement as part of the "Dialogue for Economic Cooperation" initiated by you and former Korean President Kim Young Sam in 1993. Tentative plans are for Secretary Albright and the Korean Foreign Minister, who will be in the U.S. during the week of March 13, to sign the principal agreement setting forth the basic rules for coordinating the two countries' Social Security systems at the State Department. These agreements are designed to eliminate dual Social Security taxation for expatriate workers and their employers and to help prevent gaps in benefit protection for workers who divide their careers between the U.S. and another country. The U.S.-Korean agreement, which is expected to enter into force in the first half of 2001, will be the first U.S. Totalization agreement with an Asian country.

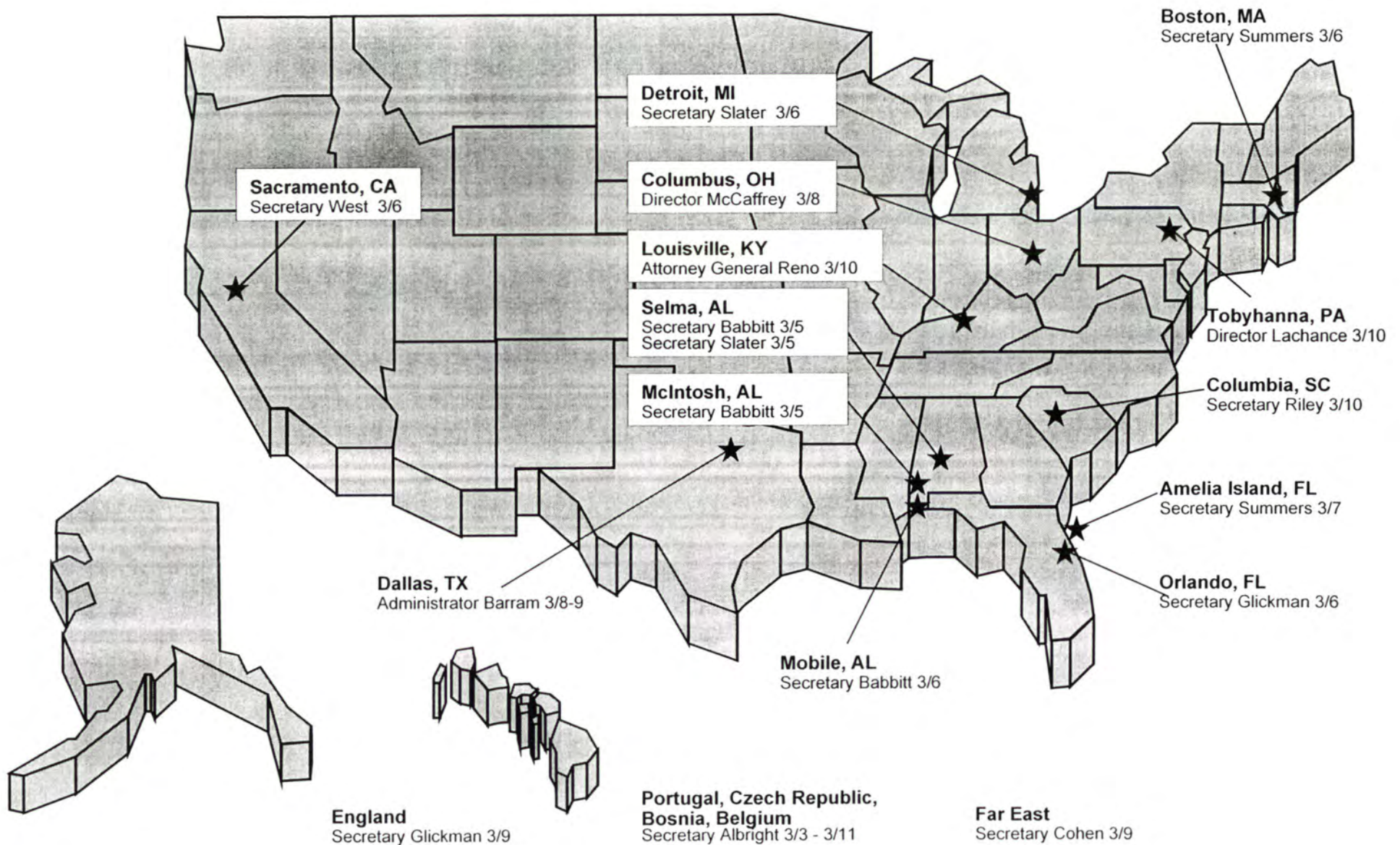
- **SSI Childhood Disability Conference:** On March 9-10, SSA and NASI will cosponsor a National Dialogue on SSI Childhood Disability conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Over 200 people from the advocacy community as well as representatives of other Federal agencies will discuss issues of concern to disabled children. Commissioner Apfel will present the opening address on March 9 and Susan Daniels, SSA's Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs, will present the opening address on March 10.

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March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

3-6-00

FROM: Mickey Ibarra

SUBJECT: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Weekly Report – February 21-March 3, 2000

GOVERNORS

Governor Angus King (I-ME): Governor King was thrilled with your mention of his new digital divide initiative today in your address at the Aspin Institute. He believes it will help him convince his legislature that providing every Maine 7th grader with a new laptop computer and free internet service at home and school is a sound public investment that will pay great dividends.

Governor Don Siegelman (D-AL): Responding to Governor Siegelman's concerns, IGA facilitated a discussion between HCFA officials and the Governor concerning the proposed closing of the Alice Kidd Mental Health Nursing Home in Tuscaloosa, and HCFA's process for surveying Alabama's nursing homes and mental health facilities. The Governor was pleased with the conversation, and all parties await action by state officials.

National Governors' Association's (NGA) Winter Meeting: NGA's Winter Meeting concluded on Tuesday, February 29. Regional press coverage following the conference focused primarily on the Internet tax debate. We received many positive comments from both Republican and Democratic governors who attended the White House dinner and Roundtable meeting.

Governor George Ryan (R-IL): Following the Mississippi Delta Authority Initiative briefing on Monday, Governor Ryan instructed his staff to assist the White House in advocating for passage of the necessary legislation this year. Governor Sundquist (R-TN) and Governor Musgrove (D-MS) also attended the briefing and pledged their support.

Aide to Colombia: On February 4, President Pastrana wrote to all governors seeking their support for your comprehensive assistance package to the Republic of Colombia.

CITY/COUNTY

County Executives of America (CEA): Today, IGA addressed CEA's Board of Directors' meeting. In addition to reviewing your accomplishments and legislative priorities, we highlighted your Census 2000 and China WTO messages.

Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA): On February 28, IGA met with the CEDA's leadership. CEDA is supportive of your welfare to work, CHIP, EITC and digital divide initiatives.

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Outreach meetings: In an effort to continue our outreach to local elected officials, during the past two weeks, our office met with Mayor David Eshleman (D-Fontana, CA), Mayor Tim Raney (D-Citrus Heights CA), Mayor Maureen Weathers (Springfield, OR), Executive Ron Sims (D- King County, WA), Executive Wayne Curry (D-Prince George's County), and Mayor Graham Richard (D- Ft. Wayne).

National Association of Counties (NACo): IGA will address NACo's Board of Directors, California State Association of Counties, and the National Democratic County Officials during NACo's Legislative Conference in Washington, March 7-14. Fourteen agencies will participate in a federal showcase on Monday.

Mayor Jim Baca (D-NM): IGA coordinated a meeting with representatives from Mayor Baca's staff, Greyhound, and the Federal Transit Administration to resolve a dispute over the ownership of a new Intermodal Transportation Center that would house rail and bus service in downtown Albuquerque. The parties reached agreement.

INSULAR AREAS

Vieques Naval Base: IGA continued work on implementing your directives regarding the Vieques Naval Base. Following the Governors' Roundtable on Monday, John Podesta met with Governor Pedro Rossello (D) and Navy officials to convey a deed covering 110 acres to be used to expand the airport. During a press conference after the meeting, the Governor expressed strong support for your directives. The Commonwealth Party's gubernatorial candidate Sila Calderon (I), however, strongly criticized your directives, suggesting that you might be persuaded to order a moratorium on the Navy's training. She said she would ask the First Lady and the Vice President to help in this regard. Her Congressional running-mate said the Governor had "betrayed" Puerto Ricans. Republicans on the Senate and House Armed Services Committee questioned transferring ownership of the land and the \$40 million supplemental.

Insular Areas Interagency Group (IAIG): IGA coordinated a meeting of the IGIA attended by senior members of the Administration and the following representatives of the territories: Governors Tau'ese Sunia (D) and Delegate Eni Faleomavaega of American Samoa, Governor Pedro Tenorio (I) and Resident Representative Juan Babauta (I) of the Northern Mariana Islands, Governor Charles Turnbull (D) and Delegate Donna Christian-Christensen (D) of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Delegate Robert Underwood (D) of Guam. The territorial representatives were pleased with the meeting. Also, I have accepted Governor Sunia's invitation to represent you at the Centennial Celebration of the Raising of the American flag in Samoa on April 17.

NATIONAL HISPANIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION (NHLA)

On February 29, Maria Echaveste and I met with the NHLA Board members to highlight your FY 01 Budget, judicial appointments, Hispanic Education Action Plan, and Census 2000 messages.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: NEAL LANE *ml*

CC: JOHN PODESTA

SUBJECT: OSTP WEEKLY REPORT

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Information Technology R&D Hearing

On Wednesday (3/1) I testified before the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space on your Information Technology R&D program. This hearing, the first on your R&D budget for FY 2001, provided a good opportunity to elicit support from two of the Senate's strongest voices on information technology – Sen. Frist and Sen. Rockefeller – who sponsored the original Next Generation Internet legislation for the Administration in 1998. The hearing demonstrated the great strides that have been made for support of Federal investments in IT research. The Subcommittee was extremely positive about your request for a 35% increase in research on IT R&D. They pledged to work with us on ways to continue educating their Senate colleagues that advances in information technology, which are so vital to the overall success of our nation's scientific and technical expertise, as well as to its economic prosperity, require a foundation of wise, sustained Federal research investments. Next Thursday I will be testifying before the House Armed Services Committee on your Critical Infrastructure Protection program, emphasizing that research and development is – and must be – a key element of an integrated national agenda to protect our critical infrastructures.

Validation Meeting with R&D Leaders

On Tuesday (2/29) John Podesta, Chuck Brain, David Beier, Tom Kalil, and I gathered 25 leaders of the nation's major industry, scientific organizations, and academic groups in the Roosevelt Room to enlist their active support of your record-breaking FY 2001 S&T budget. The meeting was exceptionally well-received, with words of praise and generous offers of support. One attendee, a close associate of Chuck Vest (President of MIT and a member of PCAST) stated that in the 27-years he has been in this business, this is the most impressive meeting of high-level White House staff ever assembled to talk about the importance of science and technology.

Upcoming Climate Change Hearing

The National Assessment of Climate Change being conducted by the U.S. Global Change Research Program is likely to come under attack at a March 9 hearing of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Science Committee. NOAA head Jim Baker will testify for the USGCRP. The committee requested copies of all comments from the technical review of the first draft, and will likely base aggressive questioning on negative comments which have been addressed in redrafting. The request for all the preliminary comments is the latest of several instances of congressional intervention and inquiry over the last six months. We expect the criticism to grow more severe when the document is posted for public comment this Spring. The overall goal of the National Assessment is to analyze and evaluate what is known about the potential consequences of climate change for the U.S. in the context of other pressures on the public, the environment, and natural resources. It was mandated by statute in 1990, but has since

become a target for climate skeptics inside and outside of Congress. We will provide guidance for the press office before the hearing date, and are working with members of the House Science Committee to deflect criticism aimed at the Administration.

International Vaccines Agenda Moving Ahead

To capitalize on the momentum from your vaccines meeting yesterday, OSTP, NSC, and NEC will mount a major push to internationalize your vaccine initiative on the G-8 agenda in Okinawa. Thus far we know that Canada and the UK are likely to support this. OSTP will also work with HHS and DoD to convene a meeting of vaccine experts from the public and private sectors, focusing on how to apply our scientific and industrial potential to make the vaccines you have called for as quickly as possible.

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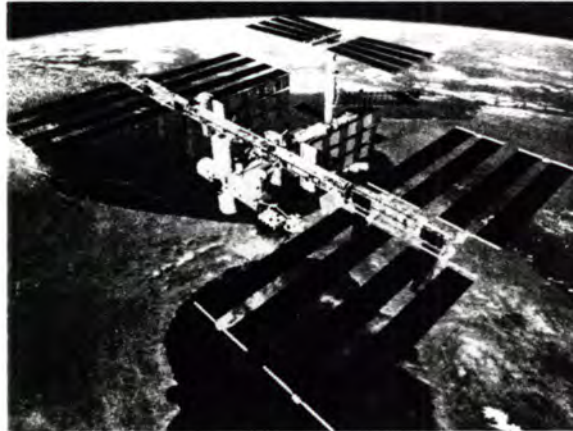
Gene Therapy May Help Hemophiliacs

Researchers at Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania reported this week that patients suffering from hemophilia B appear to have benefited from experimental gene therapy. Two out of three patients involved in the experiment were producing effective amounts of a blood clotting protein called Factor IX, which the patients had been unable to produce because of an inherited genetic mutation. The experimental therapy involved delivering healthy genes to the patients by way of an injected viral "vector" or carrier. The intent of the treatment is to correct the specific, disease-causing defect, so that patients can produce the clotting protein on their own rather than relying on an emergency injection every time they bleed. This early trial was designed only to test the safety of the procedure, not its efficacy, and the researchers themselves were surprised to see clinical benefits at the low doses used in the test. However, reliable data on the treatment's efficacy may be a year or more away.

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International Space Station (ISS) Commercial Pricing Structure

NASA released a pricing policy for U.S. commercial use of the ISS. The price structure establishes a cost floor of \$20.8 million per site for standard internal and external payload accommodations including utilities and crew time for one year. The price structure gives NASA the flexibility to waive costs or to charge more depending on demand and the nature of the activity. For example, those performing scientific and technological research or educational activities in the near-term, may have part or all of the costs waived in order to



stimulate private investment during the formative period of business development. Thus far, bioengineering, technology development and multimedia companies have all expressed interest in using ISS.

U.S.-China Science Cooperation Remains Strong

Today I co-chaired a briefing for Environmental NGOs with Ambassador Li of China. The briefing consisted of an update on U.S.-China Cooperation under the Environment and Development Forum held last month to discuss Science for Sustainable Development, Environmental Policy, Energy Policy and Commercial Cooperation. The briefing was positive with supportive comments from the Ambassador as well as the NGO participants.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: JOHN PODESTA

FROM: GEORGE T. FRAMPTON, JR. *GTF*

SUBJECT: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

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This is a joint report from CEQ and the Office of Environmental Initiatives.

RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Pacific Salmon Recovery

This past Wednesday, I met with Senators Murray and Wyden and Representatives Dicks and DeFazio to discuss the Columbia River salmon recovery effort. Over the next six weeks, the Administration will be finalizing its strategy for the Federal Columbia River Hydropower System operations for the next five years – including the issue of breaching Snake River dams.

Army Corps of Engineers: Principles and Guidelines

The Corps is working on several projects on the lower Mississippi that have raised questions about the Corps' planning guidelines relating to cost/benefit analysis and environmental impacts. In part as a response to the White River Project you had asked us about earlier, CEQ has been working on a draft Presidential directive to the Corps to update and change its planning guidelines to reflect changes recommended in a recent report by the National Research Council. The directive would be an excellent opportunity to respond proactively to the Washington Post series highlighting problems at the Corps, including those involving civilian control and allegations from a whistleblower that the Corps falsified information on a navigation project for the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway System. The whistleblower has alleged that the Corps manipulated a \$50 million multi-year cost-benefit analysis to economically justify a \$4 billion project.

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Wetlands Protection

Implementing the guidance in your 1998 speech to the League of Conservation Voters, the Corps is expected to release next week a series of “nationwide permits” regulating development within wetlands. The overarching policy would continue to allow streamlined review of projects that have “minimal impact” on wetlands, while requiring a more rigorous, individual review with full public input for projects with greater impact on wetlands. These permits represent another major step by this Administration to strengthen wetland protections and have received positive responses from the environmental community.

National Forest Roads

This week, the Forest Service proposed a draft rule to manage the road system on national forests, shifting the emphasis from further road development to road management. The draft rule would establish new processes for assessing if and where new roads should be built, for setting road maintenance priorities, and for decommissioning roads that are no longer needed. This rule is the “other side of the coin” in relationship to the proposed rule for roadless areas that you announced last October in Virginia. The roadless rule will govern where roads will *not* be built, while this week’s rule establishes new guidelines for road construction where they will be built.

The roads rule is being published for public review and comment, with a final rule expected sometime this fall. The proposed roadless rule will be published in early May, with a final expected before the end of the year.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Coral Reef Protection

Two years ago, following the first Oceans Conference, you signed an Executive Order creating the Coral Reef Task Force and calling for greater protection of coral reefs. On Thursday, the Task Force, made up of states and territories with coral reef resources, met and formally adopted an action plan to carry out your mandate. Most significant among the actions is a requirement for the creation of “no take ecological reserves” for 20% of our nation’s coral reefs under state, territory and federal control by 2010. The action plan and these special protections have received favorable press and praise from the environmental community.

South Asia

We have been closely working with NSC to develop a strong set of announceable items for your upcoming trip to India and Bangladesh and believe there are important opportunities to raise the profile of your work on climate change, clean energy development, international forest conservation and endangered species protections, notably related to tigers. Members of our staff will be in India on Monday and Tuesday with an interagency team led by the State Department to reach conclusion on a bilateral Indo/U.S. statement on the environment.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Press, Science and Industry

The Wall Street Journal reported that IBM Corp. and Johnson and Johnson have joined a growing number of major companies agreeing to specific greenhouse gas reduction targets. Johnson and Johnson proposes to cut emissions by 7% between now and 2010, and IBM proposes to cut its emissions by 4% per year as part of the World Wildlife Fund's ClimateSavers program. The companies' progress – which will come from using more energy-efficient equipment, cogeneration, and renewables – will be measured by an outside auditor.

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As reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, and *Reuters/Houston Chronicle*, Texaco announced Wednesday its resignation from the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), one of Washington's most powerful industrial lobbies against the implementation of the Kyoto treaty. Texaco joins Ford and Daimler/Chrysler as the third Fortune 500 company to leave the GCC in recent months and the first American oil company to do so. Texaco's CEO, Peter Bijur, is currently serving as chair of the American Petroleum Institute.

General Motors unveiled its PNGV prototype this week, the Opel Zafira, powered by a liquid hydrogen fuel cell. *Reuters* reported that the major advancement in the new concept car is in the fuel cell stack, which GM claims is cheaper, more efficient, and 15% smaller than those of the closest competitors.

Tampa Electric became the first company to settle the major Clean Air Act enforcement suit brought by EPA and DoJ in November against eight utilities for failing to install the latest pollution control technology over the years as they upgraded their facilities. As part of the settlement, Tampa Electric will pay a \$3.5 million civil penalty and spend approximately \$1 billion over the next 10 years to switch one of the plants from coal to natural gas and upgrade pollution controls at the other. Importantly, this upgrade/replacement of the coal facilities will also reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 25 percent, setting an example for how settlement of these suits can address a wide range of pollutants (including greenhouse gases) in a cost-effective manner. To date, however, EPA/DoJ has not been able to advance negotiations with the other remaining companies (American Electric Power, Cinergy, FirstEnergy, Illinova, Southern, So. Indiana Elec. & Gas, and TVA).

The New York Times reported this past Tuesday that there is "wide agreement" among experts that the Earth's surface is warming, with questions now focussing on the cause of the warming, and how the Earth's climate might change in the future. The focal point of the article was the recent National Research Council report stating that global warming is real despite discrepancies in surface measurements and atmospheric measurements. While noting that skeptics of the NRC report claim the discrepancies casts doubt on the reliability of climate models, the article concludes that most scientists agree that global warming will occur at a rate within the range predicted by the UN scientific panel – between two and six degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPURLING

SUBJECT: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

Oil: Following Secretary Richardson's Tuesday return from his tour of oil producing countries, Saudi Arabian, Mexican and Venezuelan oil ministers met in London and agreed to increase oil production. They discounted rumors of a 1.2 billion per day increase. Secretary Richardson indicates that the trio is considering a two-stage release of 1.3 million barrels in April and an additional 1.3 million barrels in the 3rd quarter. These estimates remain extremely fluid, however, as OPEC members try to reach a consensus over the next few weeks, and we are preparing steps to encourage them to increase the quota's further and at an accelerated pace. Separately from the oil production question, domestic gas prices rose, in response to declining gas inventories. On Monday EIA will adjust its gasoline forecasts, predicting that the national average of self-service regular will peak at \$1.56 in May and June, and then falling to \$1.37 by December. Although they do not perform separate estimates for California, prices in California are currently \$1.52, 15 cents above the national average, and that spread could grow due to higher spot prices on the West Coast that have not yet filtered down to the retail level. Following up on an NEC principals meeting Wednesday evening and your meeting with Members on Thursday afternoon, the NEC is working with other agencies to examine the effects of regional reserves and minimum inventory proposals put forward by the Northeastern Members. The NEC is also working with other agencies to develop scenarios for use of the strategic reserve, which will examine timing of the release of the oil from and return of the oil to the reserve, volumes, and a range of possible effects.

Digital Divide Initiative: We are thinking about the following strategy to generate momentum, excitement, and concrete commitments, and to provide a national framework for government, private sector and non-profit actions to close the digital divide and create digital opportunity:

- A National Call to Action that would be endorsed by hundreds of companies and non-profit organizations. The Call to Action would focus on two major goals: (1) providing 21st Century Learning Tools for every child in every school (Internet access, teacher training, computers, educational software); (2) expanding digital opportunity for families and communities (universal home Internet access, community technology centers and high-speed networks in urban, rural and Native American communities, IT training for workers and young adults, and the motivation and desire to "get connected.").

- The New Markets trip on April 9th - which would highlight success stories and new and expanded commitments by companies and non-profit organizations. We would also develop creative ways to use the Internet to involve multiple sites around the country.
- A follow-up summer report that would describe new and existing commitments to close the digital divide. This could help disseminate best practices and highlight commitments that were not featured in the trip.
- The possibility of "Connected Communities" day in the fall to maintain momentum and generate grassroots activity, building on the highly successful NetDay model. Since we could not organize this ourselves, we would have to ensure that there was sufficient outside support before launching this event.

H-1B Visas: As you recall, the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA), which addresses the H-1B issue – the purported shortage of high skilled workers – was enacted in 1998. The H-1B issue put the Administration in a difficult position, caught between the considerable number of Democratic (and Republican) Members of Congress and worker advocates who argued that we should train Americans first, and representatives of industry (particularly high-tech industry) who argued that more H-1B visas were needed to fill gaps in the workforce that couldn't be filled with American workers. The Administration sought a middle-ground approach that would provide temporary relief for employers having difficulty finding skilled workers, while stressing that our policy should be based on the principle of training American workers first. Therefore, we negotiated a deal -- primarily with Senator Abraham -- whereby we agreed to increase the caps for 3 years, in exchange for protections against abusive job shops and a \$500 fee that we proposed to raise \$250 million for regional training alliances, low-income scholarships, and administration. ACWIA increased the H-1B visa cap from 65,000 a year to 115,000 in FYs 1999 and 2000, and 107,500 in FY 2001.

The H-1B issue is again beginning to gain some momentum. INS has recently announced that we are close to reaching the cap for this fiscal year. Senators Hatch and Abraham introduced legislation to significantly increase the number of H-1B visas (from 115,000 to over 195,000, but likely 235,000 with exemptions). Senators Graham, Lieberman and Feinstein are co-sponsors. The Hatch-Abraham bill is scheduled to be marked up in the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 9th. At the markup, Senator Kennedy is expected to offer a substitute amendment with a more modest increase in the cap. Rep. Lamar Smith, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on immigration, recently introduced legislation to provide an additional 45,000 visas this year. Several other bills addressing the perceived shortage have also been introduced (see footnote). Legislation increasing the cap appears likely to pass this year.

The New Workers for Economic Growth Act of 1999 (S. 1440, H.R. 2698, introduced by Senator Gramm and Representative Dreier, respectively), the Bringing Resources from Academia to the Industry of Our Nation Act (H.R. 2687, introduced by Representative Lofgren), the Helping Improve Technology Education and Competitiveness Act, "HITEC Act" (S. 1645, introduced by Senator Robb), the 21st Century Technology Resources and Commercial Leadership Act (S. 1804, introduced by Senator McCain), an H-1B scholarship payment bill (H.R. 3508, introduced by Representative Wu).

The legislation may include an increase in the visa fee, increased targeting to workers with the highest skills, strengthened H-1B fraud enforcement, and expanded job training provisions. We are leading a White House process on H-1B and will coordinate with Maria as other immigration issues come into play. I am working closely with Gephardt's office and Zoe Lofgren to see if there is common ground, but right now union Democrats and New Democrats are as many as 50,000 apart.

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China-PNTR: The China PNTR effort continues to pick up pace. First, MOFTEC Vice Minister Sun Zhenyu was in town this week to meet with us and with Members of Congress. In conjunction with his visit, China announced that it would purchase \$6 million worth of wheat from the Pacific Northwest -- the first purchase in over 20 years. While this is an important first step, we stressed to Sun that China must begin purchases of citrus and meat -- consistent with the U.S.-China bilateral agreement on agriculture -- and that China must resolve the dispute over market access to fertilizer.

Second, Senator Baucus introduced China-related legislation this week. Rep. Levin has circulated a similar proposal, but has not yet drafted legislation. Both proposals focus on our enforcement of the agreement, and their recommendations basically fall into 5 categories: (1) reporting and review requirements; (2) a role for Congress, including Congressional mandates to take enforcement action; (3) changes to our trade remedy laws; (4) ancillary provisions on labor and environment; and (5) resources for technical assistance to China.

Third, as you know, EU-China negotiations ended recently without resolution. There is still hope, and many expect, that negotiations will wrap up by the end of the month. As bilateral negotiations wind down, Members are beginning to ask about the Protocol process and the issues that remain to be negotiated in the Protocol. We need to frame this issue in a way that gives Members assurance that the deal we negotiated in November can only be improved upon in this process, and that a vote on PNTR should not be delayed.

Millennium Vaccine Initiative--The Next Steps: Your meeting this past Thursday with the CEOs of major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and leaders of international organizations and foundations provided a valuable launch for our efforts to provide vaccines for developing countries. Altogether the four large pharmaceutical companies announced that they would donate vaccines worth over \$150 million to the developing world—mainly to countries in Africa. We are working with Treasury, State, NSC, and OSTP to develop a strategy to get the G-7 countries to agree to major vaccine initiatives at the summit this July in Okinawa. Hopefully, we can get our allies to make contributions to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) to purchase existing vaccines, and also get them to help stimulate the development of new vaccines to prevent diseases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, etc. The key will be to give the Japanese enough of an ownership stake in the vaccine initiative so that they push it strongly in the sherpa process in the run-up to Okinawa.

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House Passed Retirement Earnings Test Repeal: The House voted 422-0 to pass a clean bill to repeal the Retirement Earnings for workers between the Normal Retirement Age and 70. Chairman Archer invoked your call to send him a straightforward bill and ruled a series of amendments to the bill out of order. Senate Finance is expected to begin work on the measure in mid-April. A potential issue in the Senate is whether or not they also repeal the RET for workers between 62 and the Normal Retirement Age. Senator Moynihan is strongly in favor of this measure, but most Democratic Senators are opposed. This week the Social Security Administration circulated a study to members of Congress showing that eliminating the Retirement Earnings test below the Normal Retirement Age could throw as many as 700,000 people into poverty, of which nearly 400,000 would be widows. This is because the Retirement Earnings Test currently withholds benefits before the Normal Retirement Age and then returns them in the form of higher benefits after retirement; without these higher benefits later in life many widows would be in poverty. Social Security also estimated that eliminating the Retirement Earnings Test above the Normal Retirement Age (as in the House bill we support) would have a negligible impact on poverty while increasing work incentives for older Americans. We are working on the Senate side to ensure that they also pass a clean bill that eliminates the Retirement Earnings Test above the Normal Retirement Age.

Living Wage: When the Apparel Industry Partnership sought to create an independent organization, the issue of whether to require a "living wage" was a major sticking point. This was resolved by placing a requirement in the charter of the resulting Fair Labor Association (FLA) that DoL produce a report compiling publicly available information on minimum wage, prevailing wage, non-wage benefits, measures of workers' basic needs, and the extent to which wages meet such needs. On Friday, March 3, DoL released a report on the compensation of workers in the apparel and footwear industries of 35 major exporting countries and the United States. The FLA charter does not mandate, nor does the report offer, any conclusions by DoL. Rather, it serves as an important first step, and DoL offers suggestions in the report for future research. Before releasing the report to the public, DoL briefed the FLA Chairman of the Board, Charles Ruff, and Executive Director, Sam Brown (formerly your Ambassador to the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe and before that head of ACTION), and also UNITE, the AFL, and other involved labor unions.

INTELSAT Privatization: The NEC coordinated an Administration effort to get changes in a Bliley/Burns bill concerning the privatization of INTELSAT, the intergovernmental satellite organization. Before the conference committee closed on Wed. (March 1), the Administration was able to remove any "poison pill" provisions that would have derailed privatization by making it impossible for INTELSAT to get access to the U.S. market. We also got Bliley to eliminate a provision that would have, in effect, required the U.S. to expropriate orbital registrations that we hold on behalf of 142 other countries. Even though the truly problematic provisions are gone, INTELSAT member countries are unhappy with the bill, and they may debate whether to expel the United States from INTELSAT; but we do not expect that to happen. And we believe we can maintain the momentum within INTELSAT on privatization.

Hushkits: Last week, in a proposal to resolve the hushkit dispute, the EU said it would indefinitely suspend the regulation if we would agree to a) not file our Article 84 dispute resolution case, and b) issue a joint declaration on the need for a new noise standard. This week, after we briefed them on the EU offer, industry and labor categorically rejected it and urged us to proceed to file our Article 84 case. In an NEC-led deputies conference call today, we agreed not to file the case immediately, but to see whether further discussions with industry/labor and the EU can produce an agreement. In particular, we want to pursue the option of "file-and-suspend" -- a technique used in WTO cases. Gerry Baliles is working behind the scenes help us try to find a resolution, as are Rep. Oberstar and Moran. Although we are less optimistic after this week's event, we have by no means given up.

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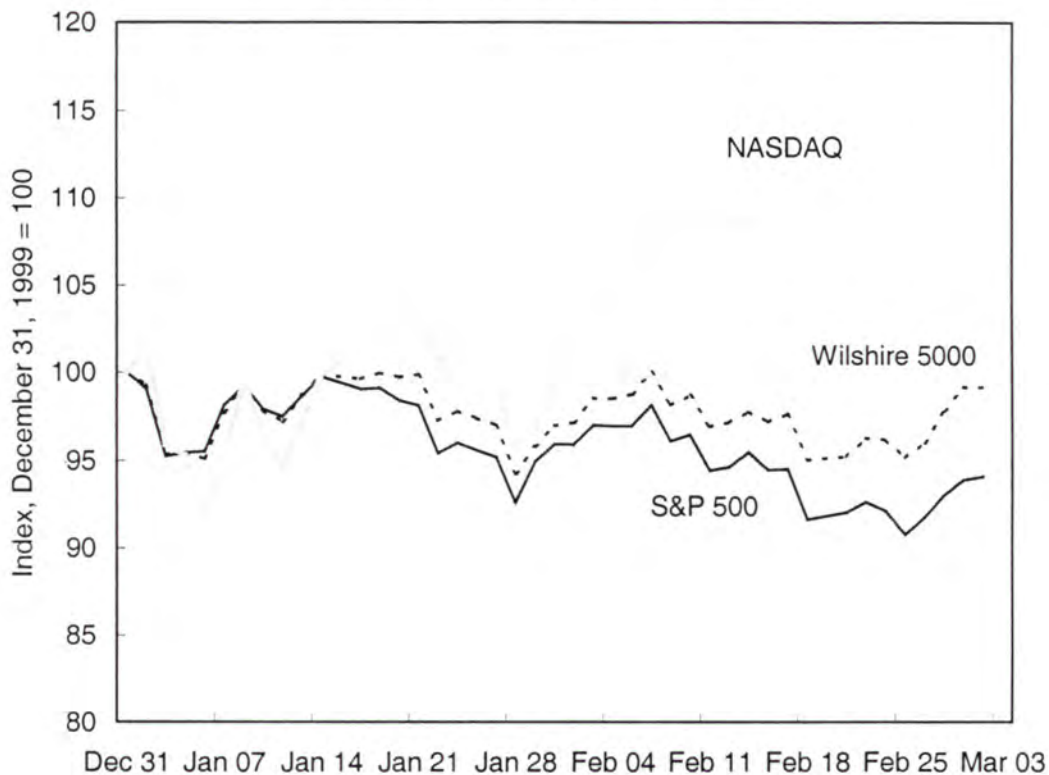
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CHART OF THE WEEK

A Tale of Two Stock Markets



Thus far in 2000, the technology-heavy NASDAQ stock market index has risen another 17 percent (after an increase of 86 percent in 1999). The Standard and Poor's 500 index (as well as the Dow Jones Industrial Index), by contrast, has fallen in value. Reflecting these divergent trends, the broadly based Wilshire 5000 index has been essentially flat.

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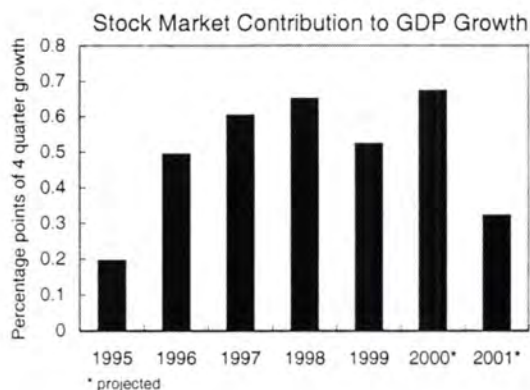


CURRENT DEVELOPMENT

The Wealth Effect: Past, Present, and Future

Despite the tepid performance of the stock market so far this year, last year's \$3 trillion increase in stock market wealth will continue to affect household spending this year and into the future. In recent testimony, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan emphasized the role of the "wealth effect" in spurring high spending growth, which he cited as contributing to the widening current account deficit, increasingly tight labor markets, and potential inflationary pressures.

Only 3½ cents on the dollar (but there are a lot of dollars). According to the standard "life-cycle" model of consumer behavior, an increase in wealth is not spent all at once; instead, people generally aim to raise their living standards over the remainder of their lives by spending only a portion each year. The evidence



suggests that each dollar change in stock market wealth leads to a permanent change in the level of consumer spending in the future of about 3½ cents per year, with the full response kicking in after several years. Although the wealth effect is thought to be permanent, only *changes* in wealth affect the growth rate. The contribution of household spending to GDP growth from the rise in stock market wealth relative to overall

income over the past 5 years has averaged about one-half percentage point (see chart, which assumes that the stock market grows in line with income during 2000 and 2001). Some of the increase in spending owing to the wealth effect goes to imported goods, however, which offsets a portion of the contribution to GDP growth.

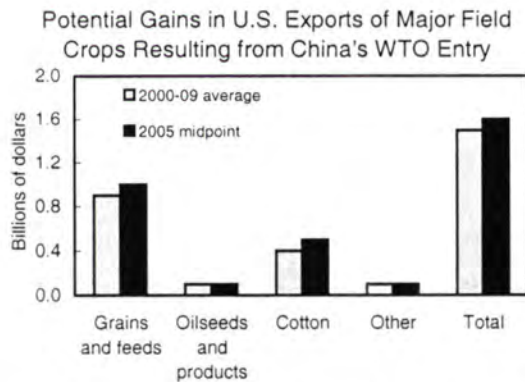
The legacy of past stock market gains. Because the effects of last year's booming stock market have yet to be realized fully, the wealth effect will continue to contribute strongly to spending growth this year and, to a lesser extent, next year. An open question—discussed by Chairman Greenspan in his testimony and one we will examine in a later *Weekly Economic Briefing*—is the extent to which the stock market boom and other developments in aggregate supply and demand are related to the apparent acceleration in productivity growth.

SPECIAL ANALYSIS

China, the WTO, and U.S. Agriculture

U.S. agricultural exports and farm income are projected to rise with China's entry into the World Trade Organization, according to a recent analysis by the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). Increased demand for agricultural products and higher farm prices would also raise consumer prices slightly.

More U.S. exports. The ERS estimates that with China's WTO accession, U.S. global exports of major field crops over the 2000-09 period would rise above baseline levels by an average of \$1.5 billion per year, based on China's market opening commitments in our bilateral agreement. By 2005, the increase would be



about \$1.6 billion. Much of the increase in field crop exports would come from direct U.S. sales to China arising from significantly greater access to that large market. The largest absolute gains would be in grains and feeds, followed by cotton (see chart). Exports of oilseeds and products are expected to rise overall, with a shift from soybeans to processed soybean products. Other commodities not explicitly treated in the analysis (such

as fruit and vegetables, animal products, and tree nuts) would also enjoy increased access once reductions in Chinese duties are implemented.

Higher farm income. ERS estimates that net farm income would rise above baseline levels by an average of \$1.1 billion annually in the 2000-09 period, after accounting for changes in Federal government payments.

- Higher cash receipts. Stronger crop demand, resulting in higher prices, would raise annual cash receipts from crops by \$1.5 billion per year. An additional \$1.2 billion per year would come from sales of livestock products. However, this latter increase is driven by higher production expenses, which lead to lower output and higher prices for livestock products. In fact, ERS projects that overall farm production expenses would rise by roughly the same amount as livestock product sales, primarily as a result of higher feed costs. (Some additional net farm income might come from reduced tariffs for poultry, pork, or beef, which would boost U.S. exports of these products.)
- Lower government payments. Higher farm prices are projected to reduce Federal spending on loan deficiency payments by about \$300 million per year.

A slight rise in consumer prices. ERS estimates that with higher prices for agricultural products, especially livestock products, under the WTO accession

scenario, the consumer price index for all food would be about 0.2 percent higher, on average, over the 2000-09 period than under the baseline scenario. This translates into increased average annual food expenditures of about \$1.2 billion (roughly 0.1 percent higher than in the baseline scenario).

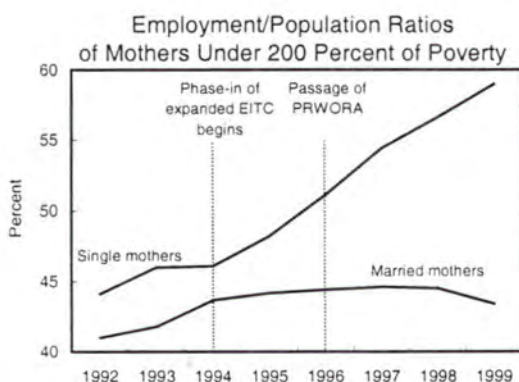
Conclusion. USDA's analysis, which focuses on major field crops, suggests that China's WTO accession would result in additional U.S. exports, higher farm incomes for some producers, and lower government payments. The increase in demand for agricultural products would also result in a modest increase in retail food prices. On balance, the gains to U.S. producers, combined with the reduction in Federal spending, would outweigh the impact on U.S. consumers by an average of about \$200 million annually.

ARTICLE

Recent Growth in the Employment of Single Mothers

The strong labor market has surely been one reason for the rapid growth in employment among single mothers in recent years. But a forthcoming review of the research literature by the CEA and the Treasury presents persuasive evidence that policies such as the EITC expansions and welfare reform have played an important role as well.

Employment of low-income mothers. A comparison of employment growth among low-income single and married mothers (see chart) illustrates the nature of this evidence. In March of 1992 the employment/population ratio was only 3



percentage points higher for the single mothers than for the married mothers, but by 1999 this gap had increased to 16 percentage points. This comparison is instructive because reforms to welfare policy substantially affect the first group but not the second. And the EITC unambiguously encourages labor supply by single parents, while having ambiguous effects on work incentives for second earners in married households. (The EITC can reduce

incentives to work for second earners in some households because the additional income would cause the couple to lose some or all of their EITC credits.)

The EITC. By raising the after-tax return to employment, the EITC is a powerful incentive to work for single parents. Single mothers receive more than two-thirds of EITC dollars. (The bulk of the remainder boost incomes of married taxpayers.) As a result of the expansions in the program enacted in 1993, the maximum EITC credit increased dramatically in 1994, 1995, and 1996. Over these same years, the employment/population ratio of single mothers increased relative to that of similar married mothers, and also relative to those of two other groups less affected by changes in the EITC, African American men and single women without children. A detailed statistical analysis concludes that the EITC accounted for about 36 percent of the increase in employment of single mothers between 1992 and 1996.

Welfare reform. The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA), and the Federal waivers that preceded the Act, transformed welfare by allowing states to establish work requirements, time-limit assistance, and improved child support. In addition to lowering caseloads dramatically, these policy changes have also affected employment, as many individuals previously on welfare get jobs. An aggregation of recent state reports indicates that more than 1.3 million welfare recipients nationwide went to work in just the 1-year period between October 1997 and September 1998. Further

evidence comes from an analysis of Current Population Survey data. For the years 1988 to 1992 there was a 20 to 21 percent employment rate (in March of the year) for individuals on welfare the previous year. This rate increased steadily starting in 1993, rising to more than 36 percent by March 1999. Statistical analysis indicates that over the span 1992 to 1996, about 33 percent of the increase in employment of single mothers was due to the state-level changes in welfare policy that preceded PRWORA.

Other policies. There is some evidence to suggest that other policy changes, notably expanded funding for child care and the provision of training to welfare recipients, have effectively provided additional work incentives for low-income women. Among the proposals in the 2001 budget that can be expected to encourage additional labor supply are policies that reduce the “marriage penalty” for low- and middle-income families, proposals involving child care expenses, and further expansion of the EITC.

BUSINESS, CONSUMER, AND REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Census Provides First Official E-Commerce Estimate. Retail E-commerce sales were \$5.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 1999, according to the first official estimate of such sales, released this week by the Census Bureau. Such sales, defined as sales of goods and services over the Internet and other online systems, were 0.64 percent of total retail sales of \$821.2 billion in the quarter. Available evidence suggests that about 15 percent of retail firms are involved in E-commerce sales.

Boskin Commission Members See Smaller CPI Bias. Members of the Boskin Commission believe that methodological changes implemented by the Bureau of Labor Statistics have reduced the bias in the CPI from the 1.1 percentage point level reported by the Commission in 1996. Responding to a survey by the General Accounting Office, the individual members put the remaining bias at between 0.73 and 0.9 percentage point annually, and they attribute the remaining bias to what the Commission referred to as "new products/quality change bias."

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Expanded Insurance Can Mean Fewer Avoidable Hospitalizations. By increasing access to hospital care, expansion of public health insurance should lead to more hospitalizations. At the same time, however, it might reduce avoidable hospitalizations—defined as those that might not have occurred had patients received effective, timely, and continuous outpatient medical care for certain chronic disease conditions. In the case of children, a recent study found that expansions in Medicaid eligibility between 1983 and 1996 led to a net increase of 10 percent in overall pediatric hospitalizations but a decline of 22 percent in avoidable ones. The study notes that because an average inpatient hospital visit is roughly 40 times more expensive than an average outpatient visit, this reduction in avoidable hospitalizations makes medical care more efficient. The eligibility expansions also appear to have been associated with a significant shift in the types of hospitals where children are treated, from public hospitals to for-profit facilities.

Homelessness Persists but Services Improve. Between 2.3 and 3.5 million people, nearly 40 percent of them children, are estimated to experience homelessness at least once during a year, according to a recent Urban Institute study based on 1996 data. People living at or below the poverty line are the most vulnerable to experiencing a homeless episode; between 6.3 and 9.6 percent of those in poverty are likely to be homeless at some point during the year. At the same time, the network of homeless services is larger and more diverse than it was in the late 1980s. The nation's shelter and housing capacity grew by 220 percent between 1988 and 1996. Soup kitchen and meal distribution services in central cities nearly quadrupled between 1987 and 1996, from 97,000 to 382,100 meals on an average day in February. Much of the new growth, according to the study, is due to new funding and to priorities placed on developing transitional and permanent housing.

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INTERNATIONAL ROUNDUP

ECB Holds the Line on Rates. This week the European Central Bank decided to leave interest rates unchanged, keeping the main refinancing rate at 3.25 percent. A pickup in inflation, plus the recent decline of the euro, have provoked speculation that the ECB may raise rates in the near future.

African Skills Flight Hurting Development. According to United Nations data, an average of 20,000 African professionals (including doctors, university lecturers, and engineers) have emigrated from the continent annually since 1990, up from about 12,000 per year in the 1985-90 period. This human capital flight, or "brain drain," reduces the availability of skilled human resources that African countries badly need for self-reliant and sustainable development. The flight of doctors is most striking. For instance, 60 percent of all Ghanaian doctors trained locally in the 1980s left the country, and Nigeria suffers from an acute shortage of health personnel even as 21,000 Nigerian doctors practice in the United States. In part because of the brain drain, the entire continent has only 20,000 scientists, or 3.6 percent of the world total. Poor economic conditions, political violence, repression of human rights, and a lack of an open political atmosphere have contributed to the brain drain. Another contributing factor may be scholarship programs for study abroad coupled with a lack of training institutes in Africa.

India PM Vajpayee's First Budget. Amidst concern about growing fiscal deficits and sluggish progress in reducing poverty, India's Ministry of Finance released its budget for fiscal 2000/01 this week. The budget proposes to cut the central government's deficit from an estimated 5.6 percent of GDP to 5.1 percent, and to "abolish" poverty by boosting annual growth to 7 to 8 percent from the current rate of around 6 percent. In addition to loosening foreign investment rules and reducing state controls on banks, the budget continues to channel substantial resources into energy, transport, and communications. The budget disappointed some, however, because it fails to take tougher measures to reduce the fiscal deficit and makes little progress in eliminating subsidies to the power and irrigation sectors. The new budget proposes to increase defense expenditures by 28 percent, the largest-ever rise for the world's fourth-biggest military.

British Woman Files Patent Application on Herself. According to Reuters News, a British woman has become the first person to attempt to patent herself. The UK national patent office confirmed on Tuesday that it has received an application with the title "myself" from a poet and casino waitress who was angered at the patenting of gene sequences by businesses. "It has taken 30 years of hard labor for me to discover and invent myself, and now I wish to protect my invention from unauthorized exploitation, genetic or otherwise," the woman said. The patent office, however, said, "It is not really worth patenting something unless you make a lot of money from it."

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RELEASES THIS WEEK

Employment and Unemployment

****Embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 3, 2000****

In February, the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent; it was 4.0 percent in January. Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 43,000.

Leading Indicators

The composite index of leading indicators increased 0.3 percent in January.

NAPM Report on Business

The Purchasing Managers' Index increased 0.6 percentage point in February to 56.9 percent. (A reading above 50 percent indicates that the manufacturing economy is generally expanding.)

Consumer Confidence

Consumer confidence, as measured by The Conference Board, declined 2.9 index points in February, to 141.8 (1985=100).

MAJOR RELEASES NEXT WEEK

Productivity (Tuesday)

U.S. ECONOMIC STATISTICS

	1970- 1993	1999	1999:2	1999:3	1999:4
Percent growth (annual rate)					
Real GDP (chain-type)	3.0	4.5	1.9	5.7	6.9
GDP chain-type price index	5.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	2.0
<u>Nonfarm business (NFB) sector:</u>					
Productivity (chain-type)	1.7	3.3	0.6	5.0	5.0
Real compensation per hour:					
Using CPI	1.0	1.8	1.2	2.0	1.1
Using NFB deflator	1.5	2.9	2.9	4.0	1.8

Shares of Nominal GDP (percent)					
Business fixed investment	11.4	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.5
Residential investment	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4
Exports	8.2	10.8	10.7	10.8	10.9
Imports	9.2	13.5	13.4	13.8	14.0
Personal saving	6.6	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.3
Federal surplus	-2.8	N.A.	1.3	1.4	N.A.

	1970- 1993	1999	December 1999	January 2000	February 2000
Unemployment Rate (percent)					
	6.7**	4.2**	4.1	4.0	4.1
Payroll employment (thousands)					
increase per month			309	384	43
increase since Jan. 1993					20823
Inflation (percent per period)					
CPI	5.8	2.7	0.2	0.2	N.A.
PPI-Finished goods	5.0	3.0	0.1	0.0	N.A.

**Figures beginning 1994 are not comparable with earlier data.

New or revised data in **boldface**.

Employment and unemployment data **embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 3, 2000.**

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

	1998	1999	January 2000	February 2000	March 2, 2000
Dow-Jones Industrial Average	8626	10465	11281	10542	10165
Interest Rates (percent per annum)					
3-month T-bill	4.78	4.64	5.32	5.55	5.60
10-year T-bond	5.26	5.65	6.66	6.52	6.40
Mortgage rate, 30-year fixed	6.94	7.43	8.21	8.33	8.27
Prime rate	8.35	8.00	8.50	8.73	8.75

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS

Exchange Rates	Current level March 2, 2000	Percent Change from	
		Week ago	Year ago
Euro (in U.S. dollars)	0.962	-3.1	-12.0
Yen (per U.S. dollar)	107.4	-3.2	-10.9
Major currencies index (Mar. 1973=100) (trade-weighted value of the U.S. \$)	95.88	0.4	0.6

International Comparisons ^v	Real GDP growth (percent change last 4 quarters)	Unemployment rate (percent)	CPI inflation (percent change in index last 12 months)
United States	4.5 (Q4)	4.1 (Feb)	2.7 (Jan)
Canada	4.7 (Q4)	6.9 (Dec)	2.3 (Jan)
Japan	1.0 (Q3)	4.6 (Nov)	-0.9 (Jan)
France	3.2 (Q4)	10.4 (Dec)	1.6 (Jan)
Germany	2.3 (Q4)	8.8 (Dec) ^{2/}	1.7 (Jan)
Italy	1.2 (Q3)	12.1 (Apr)	2.2 (Jan)
United Kingdom	2.9 (Q4)	5.9 (Oct)	1.9 (Jan)

U.S. unemployment data **embargoed until 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 3, 2000.**

1/ For unemployment data, rates approximating U.S. concepts as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Rate for unified Germany.

February 28, 2000

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MEMORANDUM

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Re: Amb. Kit Ashby

This is the info you requested

Kit sent you a letter proposing an idea for a sculpture to be built here in the U.S. There is an Uruguayan sculptor whose sculptures in wood have intrigued Kit. The sculptor has an idea to create a sculpture here in the U.S. using wood from the U.S., some wood from North America and some from South America. Kit says that President Sanguinetti of Uruguay would like to present you with the wood from Uruguay for this project.

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Kit

PS Did you get a package from me concerning a proposal to erect a piece of Uruguayan art in the United States? What do you think?

Nancy, in case the above does not come out on your end, I have attached the same letter here.

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THE NATION

Ex-convicts hope to regain right to vote

1 million are no longer behind bars, but remain barred from the process

By Richard Willing
 USA TODAY

One of the first things Bob Frantz did after returning home from prison in 1997 was visit the Bucks County courthouse in eastern Pennsylvania to register to vote.

Or try to. "They told me I had to wait until five years after my sentence was finished," says Frantz, who served 5½ years for assault. "I thought: ... This isn't right. I did my time. Now they tell me I've got five more (years) to do before I'm out from under."

Frantz is a recruit in the national campaign to restore voting rights to convicted felons.

Led by an alliance of black

state legislators and grass-roots prison reform groups, the effort has prompted pending legislation in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Lawmakers in Alabama, Nevada, Florida, Virginia and Connecticut are considering offering similar bills. A proposal to restore the right to vote in federal elections is before the House Judiciary Committee.

Frantz, a 61-year-old former engineer, is among an estimated 1 million former convicts who have completed their sentences but remain barred from voting by state laws.

Some view recovering their voting rights as a matter of justice. Forfeiting a civil right, they argue, shouldn't be part of a criminal sentence.

Others, such as former Pennsylvania attorney general Ernest Preate, say regaining the vote can be a vital part of rehabilitation.

"It's a way of society saying: 'OK, you're back. Let's move on,'" says Preate, who spent most of 1996 in a federal prison after pleading guilty to a corruption-related fraud charge. Mujahid Ramadan, Nevada's former director of state drug policy, says restoring the right to vote is also an empowerment issue. About 36% of present or former convicts who are barred from voting are black, according to a 1998 study by Human Rights Watch, a liberal advocacy group.

"That's a lot (of African-Americans) that should have that stake in the system who aren't there," says Ramadan, who directs Nevada Partners, a non-profit group that finds em-

ployment for former prisoners.

Opponents say losing the right to vote is a traditional part of a felon's sentence, based on European laws that predate the nation's founding. They also say people who have committed serious crimes can't be trusted to participate in civic life.

According to the Sentencing Project, a Washington-based advocacy group that favors voting rights for ex-convicts, convicted felons in 32 states are not allowed to vote until they complete parole.

In 10 states, ex-convicts are barred from voting for life.

Voting by ex-convicts who committed federal felonies is governed by the laws of the states in which they reside.

Thus far, the movement to restore voting rights has encountered little resistance, in part because it has not attracted much attention. But some

states that once allowed felons to vote have retrenched.

The Massachusetts Legislature is expected later this year to consider amending the state constitution to eliminate inmate voting.

In 1998, Utah voters stripped that state's inmates of the vote by a 4-1 ratio. And in Oregon last year, legislators closed a gap in state law that permitted federal prisoners to vote in state and local elections.

Yamhill County Clerk Charles Stern says he raised the issue after six federal inmates at a Sheridan, Ore., prison registered to vote.

"There are 4,800 people in Sheridan, and 2,500 — the prisoners — don't want to be there," Stern says. "They could have a serious impact on a bond issue or a school board election. And that's a little alarming."

Will states say 'I do' to gay marriage?

California, parts
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they say the marriage monster is upon us, and now everyone is thinking same-sex marriage is on the horizon," says Tracey Conaty, a spokeswoman for the "No on Knight" campaign.

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Huckabee meets the delegation

In Washington for the National Governors' Association conference, Mike Huckabee got together privately Monday afternoon in U.S. Sen. Tim Hutchinson's office with all six members of the state's congressional delegation and key staff members.

Sources say interesting topics were discussed, including Huckabee's request that the delegation stand with him in his skirmish with the federal government over the ARKids First health insurance program for kids.

U.S. Rep. Vic Snyder, a Democrat, challenged Huckabee, a Republican, on the question of whether the state is doing right by its poorest and most severely disabled people on that issue. Snyder shared the federal government's concern that the state is ushering children from its poorest families into ARKids First instead of the more generous Medicaid to which they are entitled.

Snyder told Huckabee that maybe 15 minutes before the meeting, one of his aides had telephoned state government's ARKids First hotline to inquire in behalf of a supposed friend, a single mom who earned about \$12,000 a year and had two kids. That's below the poverty level. It's welfare-eligible. It's tragic.

Snyder said his aide reported being told over the hotline about the application process for ARKids First, not Medicaid. At the end of the conversation, he said, his aide inquired about other programs, only to be told that the friend might be eligible for Medicaid, though not how or where to inquire.

Huckabee replied that he couldn't be responsible for what someone manning a hotline might have said or not said. But shouldn't he be held responsible, since he is the governor and the idea of the hotline is to serve the public? He said the system is set up so that as the paperwork for that case moved through the state Human Services Department, someone would notice that the applicant was Medicaid-eligible and give her the opportunity to revise her request.

At any rate, Huckabee went straightway from the meeting and told people in the Hu-



John Brummett

man Services Department to fix the hotline.

Here's the deal, and it should not be difficult to understand or embrace: If you are trying to raise kids in Arkansas and are so dreadfully poor that you fall below the poverty level and therefore qualify for Medicaid, then you should receive Medicaid, period. Your sick kids don't need for you to exercise an option to accept a nicer-sounding program that costs more and covers less. If they get sick, they need everything to which they are entitled.

ARKids First requires a co-payment and offers sparser benefits than Medicaid. It was established in 1999 not for welfare kids, but for children of the working poor, meaning those in that miserable gap between the poverty level and the actual subsistence level. Surveys show that minimal subsistence level to be somewhere around twice the poverty level.

But kids eligible for Medicaid haven't always been getting it in Arkansas. Some have been showing up on the rolls of the governor's ballyhooed ARKids First program.

That sounded an alarm late last year at the federal Health Care Finance Administration, which pays three-fourths of the state's Medicaid costs. The feds informed the state that it needed to start doing right by people entitled to Medicaid. That prompted the governor to demagogue against outright welfare over workfare and against the infringement on state policy by the federal government. He tied a yellow ribbon around a bust of Bill Clinton at the Governor's Mansion. Why, exactly, I cannot recall.

To hear Huckabee tell it, horribly poor people in Arkansas are aching to avoid the stigma of welfare so they can make a co-payment and enjoy fewer benefits for their children.

The matter has been hanging for months. The feds have suggested that the state establish a seamless application process. By that they mean one by which a mother inquiring about ARKids First but eligible for Medicaid would be automatically routed to Medicaid, not told parenthetically that she might be eligible for Medicaid and left to wander through the welfare services agencies on her own.

Huckabee had strutted around Washington for a couple of days claiming to have stood up to the federal government on the point that even with a seamless procedure, to which he professes to agree, welfare-eligible Arkansas families ought to be able to choose ARKids First instead of Medicaid if they have enough pride to want to share the responsibility for their kids' health care rather than rely on the out-and-out dolé.

Why would he behave this way? One can only speculate. Maybe he just doesn't believe in welfare. Maybe it's that he gets political mileage from ARKids First, but not Medicaid. Maybe it's that Medicaid costs the state more than twice as much as ARKids First.

Let us hope that our poorest and most disabled are not being denied benefits because of poll numbers or bean counters.

By the way, Huckabee also told the delegation that Congress needs to provide that state sales taxes would be paid on Internet retailing. I'm told that U.S. Rep. Jay Dickey became mildly agitated, mentioning that some in the room had pledged not to raise taxes. Huckabee argued that taxes on Internet shopping wouldn't be new but an application of existing state gross receipts taxes on sales. He's kind of right, if a bit Clintonian.

And, finally, some thought the most interesting aspect of the meeting was that Dickey and U.S. Rep. Marion Berry, substantially sized gentlemen without particular regard for each other, shared a love seat.

John Brummett's column appears every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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To: Nancy Hernreich

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Kate Britton

Thurs.
3/2/2000
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Dear Nancy,

2 items for follow-up ...

or: *Georgina*
Please follow up
with Kate
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WH

- Any response yet from Pres. regarding his letter to me of 1/3, asking for info. from Medjugorje (visit?)
- Card. Hickey has expressed interest in inviting Pres (& family?) to a Lenten event. (Perhaps Holy Thurs. or Good Fri.)
do you know if he/they will be (might be) in town? Even if it's only "might be," I will get back to Card. to extend invitation, Pls. advise.
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D.O.A. at the I.M.F.

Nothing in the bylaws of the International Monetary Fund says that its managing director has to be European. Still, there is a long tradition to that effect — part of a gentlemen's agreement that gives the considerably less critical directorship of the World Bank to an American.

But on Monday, when European Union finance ministers formally endorsed Caio Koch-Weser — a Brazilian-born German official who has spent most of his career at the World Bank — the United States promptly and bluntly rejected that choice.

To appreciate why the Americans decided to be so ugly, you need to understand that the head of the I.M.F. is one of the most crucial economic officials in the world, right up there with the chairman of the Federal Reserve and the U.S. Treasury Secretary. The managing director not only needs to be smart and experienced; he also needs to be diplomatically forceful. It's not a job

largest nation was going to demand its turn. Given that a Frenchman has headed the I.M.F. for the last 22 years (and for 32 of the last 37 years!) the Germans figured that it was about time they got a chance. The trouble was that they didn't have any qualified candidates.

No, they aren't a nation of dumm-kopfs; it's a question of background. Germany does not have an elite civil service like the French or the British; nor does it have the kind of cross-pollination among business, academia and government that produces a Robert Rubin or Larry Summers. Nobody I talked to could come up with any German candidate he regarded as suitable for the job. Mr. Koch-Weser was the best Germany could find — and he wasn't good enough.

Even the British and the French made their disappointment clear, withholding their endorsement for three months after the German government began pushing Mr. Koch-Weser. What finally concentrated their minds was the horrifying prospect that the job might actually go to the right person.

Last week a coalition of developing countries forced the issue by formally nominating Stanley Fischer, the I.M.F.'s first deputy managing director. Mr. Fischer (a former teacher and colleague of mine) has every conceivable qualification but one. An eminent economist, he is also an experienced policy maker — he was the point man in the Asian crisis — who has been noteworthy for his tact, discretion and ability to stay cool under fire. Even those who have criticized some of the I.M.F.'s decisions regard him as perfect for the job. But though born in what is now Zambia, Mr. Fischer is a naturalized U.S. citizen.

That apparently does not bother the African, Latin American and Middle Eastern (!) nations that have championed his candidacy. But the Europeans want a European, though most of them don't really want Mr. Koch-Weser. (Everyone suspects that Britain and maybe even France were willing to give lip service to an unsatisfactory candidate only because they counted on the Clinton administration, which is having trouble defending the I.M.F. against a hostile Congress in any case, to veto him.)

Now the truth is that there are plenty of qualified Europeans; there are citizens of Britain, Italy, Sweden, Poland who could do the job. Still, one wonders: Is it too late for Mr. Fischer to acquire a German passport?

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questions lack satisfactory even after the verdict, but son's willingness to bring and rd case guaranteed that they least be debated. Those who quick to criticize should think out how their words may d- r prosecutors from taking the anance.

International monetary fumble.

for an ordinary bureaucrat.

Unfortunately, people who should know regard Mr. Koch-Weser as, well, an ordinary bureaucrat. He is, by all accounts, intelligent and likable. But he has spent his career at the wrong kind of institution; the World Bank is not a place to get experience in financial firefighting. More important, insiders I spoke to described Mr. Koch-Weser as someone who got along by going along — someone who never expressed strong ideas of his own, who always seemed to say what he thought his superiors wanted to hear. That's not exactly the kind of man you want in the hot seat when the next global crisis breaks out.

So why did the Europeans select such a weak candidate? That's where the story gets awfully funny — that is, it's funny, but it's also awful.

The problem begins with the French. France has long been an ardent advocate of the idea of Europe — a Europe led by Frenchmen. And Paris has been ruthless in its determination to put its nationals in charge of everything from the I.M.F. to the European Central Bank.

At some point, however, Europe's

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March 3, 2000

TO: President Bill Clinton

FROM: Dean Ornish, M.D.

RE: Medicare Lifestyle Modification Demonstration

Thank you so much for your continued support of our demonstration project to determine if people with coronary heart disease can avoid bypass surgery or angioplasty by making comprehensive lifestyle changes instead at much lower cost. I am hoping that we can move forward in the near future.

In the process of spending years in discussions with HCFA, I have been impressed with Nancy-Ann Min DeParle (as well as Chris Jennings, Dan Mendelson, Mike Hash, Bob Berenson, and John Whyte) but dismayed by the lack of vision and creativity in some others at HCFA. A great legacy for your Administration at HCFA may be to encourage her to make some fundamental changes. Imagine how much good a Chief Clinical Officer with real vision, leadership, and creativity could do for the American people!

I remain deeply grateful to you.

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CONGRATS LETTERS ON THIS
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 - JOHN HENNING
 - RYAN COONERTY
 - DEAN ROBERT SCOTT
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ASST DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE
- STUDENT ORGANIZERS
ONE LETTER TO ALL 3

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Conference on Public Service and the Law
March 3-5, 2000

October 20, 1999

Sean Maloney
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. Maloney,

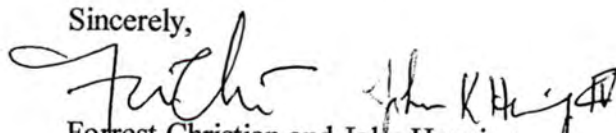
On March 3, 2000, the University of Virginia School of Law will open its first-ever Conference on Public Service and the Law. This three-day conference will offer law students from across the country the opportunity to participate in panel discussions with young policymakers and litigators from many different fields of public service practice. As a direct outgrowth of this interaction, we hope that more law students will choose to dedicate their careers to public service. To further this cause, we would like to invite you to open the Conference on Public Service and the Law on March 3, 2000.

As an individual whose exemplary public service career would inspire others, we would like to invite you to serve as an opening night speaker for the Conference. We are confident that a speaker of your caliber would demonstrate that public servants can enjoy prestigious careers while also having a significant, positive impact on society. As the opening night speaker, we would like you to discuss your work experiences and, in so doing, demonstrate the importance of public service. Should you choose to support our Conference in this capacity, we would be willing to meet all of your expenses for travel and accommodations.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you to serve on the Legislative/ Political Careers panel on March 4. Ryan Coonerty, the law student responsible for organizing this panel, will be in touch with you in the next few weeks.

We understand that Professor Jim Ryan has contacted you regarding our speaking invitation. He has suggested that we follow up on his conversation by mailing our invitation to you. We will also send an interim information packet to you in the next few weeks; this should provide you with a general idea of the nature and purpose of the Conference. Should you have any questions, we can be reached at (804) 245-5938. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Forrest Christian and John Henning
Conference Co-Chairs

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Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of Am
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500-2000

Re: Jeffry James Ratcliff

Dear Mr. President:

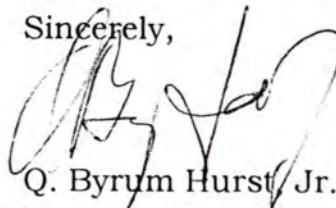
Some time ago, I wrote to you concerning the pardon application of Jeffry J. Ratcliff.

I believe the Pardon Office of the Department of Justice has completed its investigation and I don't believe there is any opposition to this pardon, nor could anyone object under the circumstances of the tragic automobile accident that has labeled Jeffry Ratcliff a convicted felon.

It is my understanding that Mr. Ratcliff has recently married and the granting of his pardon would be an incentive and a reward for his years of good behavior and achievement since the accident.

I hope that you will look with favor upon this pardon application, as it would mean a great deal to Jeffry Ratcliff and his family.

Sincerely,


Q. Byrum Hurst, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: STEPHANIE STREETT
LAURA GRAHAM
LAURA DEMEO

SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS

CC: JOHN PODESTA
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ACCEPT:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

3/7/00

Congressional Meeting & Statement (Guns)
White House
Staff Contact: Chuck Brain

3/7/00

China Meeting
White House
Staff Contact: Steve Ricchetti

You will meet with Senators to discuss China.

3/8/00

Meeting w/ John Sweeney & Gerald McEntee
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

John Sweeney & Gerald McEntee want to discuss election politics.

3/8/00

Minimum Wage Event
Capitol Hill Site TBD, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

We hope to have several Members as well as workers at this event.

3/8/00

China Speech
School for Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Steve Ricchetti

3/9/00

Prescription Drugs Departure Statement
White House
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

3/9/00

DCCC \$ Lunch
Phoenix Park Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/9/00

One America Religious Leaders Event
East Room, White House
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste, Ben Johnson

You will meet with a group of religious leaders to discuss strategies and actions they can take to help accomplish your vision of One America.

3/9/00

Carnahan \$ Dinner
Residence of Elizabeth & Smith Bagley, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/10/00

FAA Meeting and Statement
White House
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

You will meet with airline CEO's to discuss the FAA's plans to help manage and decrease air traffic delays and announce the FAA's "Severe Weather Plan".

3/13/00

Official Meeting (Library)
White House
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

You and the First Lady will meet with the Library Architects from 8AM-10AM before you leave for Cleveland. This was the only date and time you and the First Lady could do this meeting together.

3/13/00

Prescription Drugs Event
Cleveland, OH
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

You will announce the Prescription Drug Pricing Report with the Democratic Leadership.

3/13/00

DCCC 5 Lunch
Playhouse Square Center, Cleveland, OH
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/13/00

Official Meeting (Library)
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/13/00

DNC 5 Reception (WLF)
Stefani's Restaurant, Chicago, IL
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/13/00

DNC 5 Dinner
Residence of Mike Cherry, Chicago, IL
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/14/00

Photo-Op & Presentation with Arnold Newman
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Sharon Farmer

Arnold Newman will present you with your portrait.

3/14/00

1999 Medals of Science & Technology Presentation
East Room, White House
Staff Contact: Neal Lane

This is the annual event you host to present the 1999 Medals of Science & Technology and acknowledge the recipients of these Medals.

3/15/00

Hold for Possible Press Conference
East Room, White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

3/15/00

DNC 5 Dinner
Harbor Court Hotel, Baltimore, MD
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

Yes

Note: We may need to drive to Baltimore if all the helicopter packages are sent to India for the trip. We will try to avoid rush hour. We will let you know once this is determined.

3/16/00

Attend the Speaker's St. Patrick's Day Lunch
Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Chuck Brain

This is the annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch hosted by the Speaker of the House.

3/16/00

NHL Dallas Stars Championship Event
East Room, White House
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

You will host an event to congratulate the Dallas Stars on winning the NHL's Stanley Cup for the 1999/2000 season.

3/17/00

Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Ahern and Shamrock Presentation
Oval Office/Roosevelt Room, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

This is your traditional meeting and Shamrock Presentation with Prime Minister Ahern in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

3/17/00

Meeting with Irish Leaders (T)
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

**You will meet with the following Irish Leaders:
Seamus Mallon, Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland
David Trimble, First Minister of Northern Ireland
Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein**

3/28/00

Official Working Visit of President Mubarak of Egypt
Oval Office/Old Family Dining Room, White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

3/28/00

DSCC (Stabenow) \$ Reception
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/28/00 O'Bannon \$ Reception
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/29/00 Jim Clyburn Tribute Dinner
Columbia, SC
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

You will make remarks at this dinner honoring Jim Clyburn.

3/30/00 DNC \$ Lunch
Residence of Denise Rich, New York, NY
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

3/30/00 DNC \$ Dinners (2)
Restaurant TBD & Residence of John Catsimatides, NY
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

4/5/00 Economic Summit
White House
Staff Contact: Gene Sperling

A memo will be forthcoming from the NEC outlining the program and participants of this Conference for your review.

4/7/00 Visit Wintley Phipps' U.S. Dream Academy Site (T)
Ferebee Hope Community Services Ctr., SW Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

We have offered this date and are awaiting a reply.

4/13/00 Address the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Annual Convention
JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

4/28/00 Host Nordic Luncheon with the First Lady
State Dining Room, White House
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell, Melanne Verveer, Capricia Marshall

You and the First Lady will host a luncheon for the Heads of State of the five Nordic countries while they are in Washington, DC for the opening of the Millennial Viking exhibit at the Smithsonian.

May/June TBD

Host a White House Reception for the Proposed WWII Memorial
White House

Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

Senator Dole and Tom Hanks have asked for your help to meet the goal of raising \$100 million dollars for the proposed WWII Memorial. We are working with the Social Office to find a convenient date in May or June for this Reception.

PENDING:

Date of Event

Description of Event

March TBD

Meeting with Senator Lautenberg

Oval Office, White House

Staff Contact: Chuck Brain

Senator Lautenberg would like to discuss the nomination of Paul Fishman for US Attorney in New Jersey.

March TBD

Present the Ron Brown Award for Corporate Leadership

White House

Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

Senior Staff feel that this is not a critical event for you to do this year, but wanted you to be aware of the request and have input. Would you like to present the Ron Brown Awards this year or have the appropriate surrogate do this presentation?

Accept _____ Regret _____ Discuss _____

3/7/00

Interview with *The Advocate* (A National Gay & Lesbian News Magazine) (T)

White House

Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

We are waiting for a final recommendation from Senior Staff on this interview.

March 7

Drop-by Meeting w/ Delegation Representing the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDF)

Oval Office, White House

Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

John Podesta is meeting with Robert Wood Johnson, Owner of the NY Jets and Chairman of JDF, Leo Mullin, CEO of Delta Airlines, along with a few other CEO's to discuss possible methods for further funding of diabetes research. Would you like the Option to drop-by this meeting?

Yes Option ☒ No Option ☐

March 8

Meet & Greet w/ John Sykes (VH1), Quincy Jones & James Taylor
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Ellen Lovell

They are in town for meetings on Capitol Hill to support VH1's 'Save the Music' Campaign and would like to come in for a brief meeting. Should we set this up for 5-10 minutes?

Yes ☒ No ☐

March 8-10

Sign the Child Abuse Prevention Enforcement Act Bill (T)
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Chuck Brain

This could be a small signing ceremony in the Oval.

March 10

Interview with Terry Hunt of Associated Press (T)
White House
Staff Contact: Joe Lockhart

Terry Hunt would like your views on the major turning points/influential leaders of the Millenium, as well as your insights on the future.

Joe Lockhart thinks this is a good idea. Are you OK with us setting this up?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Discuss ☐

March 12

Address the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

Senior Staff do not feel that it is critical for you to attend this event but wanted you to have the final decision. Mayor Archer has invited you to drop-by on Sunday either before or after church. Please note that the First Lady is in town on this date. We have not made any commitments in case you do not want to attend.

Yes, drop-by before church ☒
Yes, drop-by after church ☒
No, please regret ☐

Drop by before church

March 10 or 14

Dinner with Experts on South Asia
White House
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger, Capricia Marshall

You had mentioned that you wanted to meet with experts on South Asia before departing for India. We have checked with the Social Office and they could do a dinner with the experts on either March 10th or March 14th instead of a meeting if you would prefer.

Dinner ☐ Meeting ☒ Discuss ☐

Can afternoon

REGRET:

Date of Event:

March 6,7

can do this

Description of Event:

Address NACo's 2000 Legislative Conference
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

March 9,10

Meeting w/ the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) & the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE)
Library of Congress, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Jack Lew, Sylvia Mathews, Sally Katzen

March 12

Can do this? afternoon

Accept "Man of the Year" Award and Address 88th Annual Dinner of the Nat'l Council of Young Israel
Sheraton New York, NYC
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

March 12-14

Meeting w/ Members of the Council of Chief State School Officers
Location flexible, Washington, DC
Staff Contact - Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Education is the most important thing

You will be traveling to Cleveland, OH and Chicago, IL on March 13th, and are scheduled to host the Medals of Science and Technology Presentation at the White House on March 14th. DPC does not think this is critical.

March 13

Attend HUD's Center for Community & Interfaith Partnerships' Regional Conference
Site TBD, Chicago, IL
Staff Contact: Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

We are working with Cabinet Affairs to find a convenient date for you to participate in one of HUD's Interfaith Conferences.

March 17-18

*1. Out of town
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3. Education is the most important thing
4. I will try*

Address the American Federation of Teachers' 23rd Annual PSRP Conference
Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Karen Tramontano

You are already scheduled to participate in several St. Patrick's day events on March 17th, and you depart for foreign travel on March 18th.

March 22-24

Address the National Association of Attorney Generals Spring Mtg
Washington Court Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mickey Ibarra

You will be on foreign travel during these dates.

March 26-30

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Address the Centennial Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly
Philadelphia, PA
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

You already have a full schedule for this week. You return from India on March 26th and will have a day to rest on the 27th. You will host Egyptian President Mubarak at the White House on March 28th, travel to SC for the Clyburn Tribute Dinner on March 29th, and you will be in NY on March 30th for a message event and DNC events.

March 29-31

Address the National Council on the Aging's 50th Anniversary
Washington Hilton & Towers Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Mary Beth Cahill

You will be on domestic travel.

March 30

Address the American Turkish Council Dinner
National Building Museum, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Sandy Berger

You are scheduled to be in New York all day for a message event, DNC lunch and 2 DNC dinners that evening. We are working with Cabinet Affairs on an appropriate surrogate and will possibly do a video.

PERSONAL:

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

March TBD

Meeting with Mack McLarty
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

Mack has asked to come in to see you some time this month to "catch up".

3/7/00

Photo-Op/Presentation with Brad Koplinski
Oval Office, White House
Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

Brad Koplinski and 15 other "Bill Clinton Political Item Collectors" will present you with a lifetime honorary membership to the "Bill Clinton Political Item Collector Club".

3/7/00

Mardi Gras 2000 Dinner & Dancing Event
Copley Lounge, Georgetown University
Staff Contact: Nancy Hemreich

You and the First Lady were invited by Father O'Donovan to attend this event. Currently, the First Lady's schedule shows her out of town this day and evening. We will regret if this is OK with you.

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Regret _____ Discuss _____

3/7/00

Thomas Quasthoff's Performance
Kennedy Center, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Nancy Herrnreich

Thomas Quasthoff will be performing at the Kennedy Center on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30PM. Previously, you had expressed interest in attending. Your last meeting for the day ends at 7PM. Would you like to attend this performance?

Yes _____ No _____ Option ☒ _____

Please note that this performance is in the Terrace Theatre and there is not a Presidential box.

(b)(6)

3/9/00

Farewell Party for Leslie Thornton
Department of Education, Washington, DC

The farewell party is scheduled from 3:30-5:30PM. Currently you have a busy schedule, but have phone and office time from 4-6:30PM on this day. We will put this on your schedule as an option.

3/9/00-3/10/00

Brief Meeting or Photo-Op with Ashley Korenblat, Chair of the International Mountain Bicycling Association
Oval Office, White House

Ashley Korenblat worked on the 1992 Campaign and is in town for meetings at the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service. She is currently the Chair of the International Mountain Bicycling Association. She is working

to identify appropriate bicycling opportunities on federal lands. She has asked for a brief meeting with you. Bruce suggested at most you do a photo-op with her.

Photo-Op _____

Regret and have appropriate staff meet w/her _____

3/10/00

US Senate Youth Group Program White House Tour (Requested by Senator Blanche Lambert Lincoln)

White House

Staff Contact: Margaret Whillock

This group will tour the White House on Friday, March 10th around 9AM. We will list this on your schedule as an option.

3/16/00

Meeting with Bill Hybels

Oval Office, White House

Staff Contact: Stephanie Streett

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We are continuing to work in the following meetings when your schedule permits:

- Lawrence Smalls
- John McCaffrey
- Bill Ivey
- Jim Baker

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UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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February 23, 2000

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Many thanks to you and Hillary for remembering my birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and good wishes.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Lieberman

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3-6-00

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Dear Mr. President -

Many, many thanks for your kind invitation to spend Annie's birthday evening in the Lincoln Bedroom. It was most enjoyable, although I can't say any of the reputed ghosts appeared.

Also enjoyed meeting so many of your good friends from Arkansas.

Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated -

Best regards -

John