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Date 5.12.00

To: Sharon Liggett

From: The Staff Secretary

Attached is copy of briefing material you asked about.

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October 31, 1997

**SPEECH ON FAST TRACK AT
THE PORT OF WEST PALM BEACH**

DATE: October 31, 1997
LOCATION: Tropical Shipping, Port of West Palm Beach
TIME: 9:35 a.m.
FROM: Victoria Radd

I. PURPOSE

Accompanied by Secretary Daley, you will rally support for renewal of traditional trading authority in advance of the House and Senate floor votes scheduled for next week.

II. BACKGROUND

The Location. Secretary Daley and you will attend an event at warehouses for Tropical Shipping in West Palm Beach. Tropical Shipping was founded in 1960 by a small construction firm that was having trouble finding cargo companies that could meet its shipping needs in the Bahamas at affordable costs. That company - now known as Tropical Shipping - has grown over the past four decades to become a major provider of transportation and logistics in the Caribbean. Tropical now has 900 employees, serves thousands of customers throughout the region, and is the largest containerized cargo carrier in the Caribbean region. The company owns and maintains custom-built ships, containers, freight stations, trucks, warehouse, cranes and cargo handling equipment.

Tropical operates two facilities in the Palm Beach area. One facility is located at the Port of Palm Beach and handles bulk cargo that is shipped directly from supplier to purchaser. The facility you are at is a cargo receiving warehouse. This station takes different U.S. shipments that are going to the same buyer, consolidates the different products into one container that is then received as a complete package by the foreign purchaser. Although this represents a small portion of Tropical's overall business, this service enables smaller U.S. exporters to reach the Caribbean market.

Tropical carries more U.S. exports to the Caribbean market than any other ocean carrier, excluding those in Puerto Rico. From 1993 - 1996, Tropical saw a 30% increase in its export tonnage from 1.1 million tons to 1.43 million tons.

The Event. Secretary Daley and you will be highlighting the growing importance of exports to our domestic economy. The Port of West Palm Beach illustrates just how much our current prosperity can be attributed to increases in American exports. Exports from the West Palm Beach and Boca Raton areas are up by 25 percent over the last three years and now total almost \$1 billion a year. Exports from the entire state are up by 50 percent over the past three years.

You will be accompanied by Secretary Daley, Governor Chiles, Congressmen Mark Foley (R - FL 16; leaning towards supporting fast track) and Peter Deutsch (D - FL 20; undecided but "gettable" on fast track.) Governor Chiles will speak and announce that Florida Enterprise, the newly privatized Florida Department of Commerce, has endorsed fast track. You will be introduced by Debra Braziel, a worker who coordinates export shipments for foreign buyers of U.S. goods at Tropical Shipping. Just this week, she was recognized for her tenth year of service at Tropical.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Event

Secretary Daley
Governor Lawton Chiles
Representative Mark Foley
Representative Peter Deutsch
Debra Braziel, Coordinator of Export Shipments, Tropical Shipping
Rick Murrell, President, Tropical Shipping
Several hundred audience members, mostly workers from the Port, Motorola, Tropical Shipping and Sikorsky.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You will arrive curbside and be met by Riviera Beach Mayor Clara Williams, Rick Murrell, President of Tropical Shipping, Steven Schwack, Chairman of the Port of Palm Beach Commission and Debra Braziel, an employee at Tropical Shipping.

You will proceed to stage.

Governor Chiles, Secretary Daley, Cong. Foley, Cong. Deutsch, Mayor Williams, Rick Murrell and Steve Schwack will be announced off-stage.

You and Debra Braziel will be announced off stage.

Rick Murrell will make brief remarks and introduce Governor Chiles.

Governor Chiles will make brief remarks and introduce Debra Braziel.

Debra Braziel will make brief remarks and introduce **You**.

You may make very brief remarks and introduce Secretary Daley.

Upon conclusion of Secretary Daley's remarks, **you** work rope line , take 2 group photos: first with the Commissioners of the Port of Palm beach and the second with the Directors of Tropical, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

To be provided by speech writers.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Presidential Mission for the Reverend Jesse Jackson

Purpose

Seek your approval for a Presidential Mission.

Background

The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Special Envoy of the President and the Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights in Africa, will travel to Africa May 16-22, 2000. He will meet with regional Heads of State and others to secure the release of UNAMSIL peacekeeping forces taken hostage in Sierra Leone by the combatants of the Sierra Leonean rebel movement. He will depart Washington on May 16 and return to Washington on May 22.

The State Department requests designation of this trip as a Presidential Mission and that appropriate military aircraft be provided on a non-reimbursable basis. Reverend Jackson and a delegation of approximately six persons will require military aircraft for Liberia, Nigeria, Mali, Guinea and other countries as necessary. The delegation will travel via chartered helicopter from Conakry, Guinea to Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Military aircraft is necessary because of the requirement for secure communication links with the White House, National Security Council and the Department of State at all times. The proposed itinerary is also not feasible without military air due to unreliable and time-consuming commercial air schedules between the countries. Military air will ensure the Special Envoy is able to meet with Heads of State within the allotted time period.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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RECOMMENDATION

That you approve a Presidential Mission for Reverend Jackson.

Approve ☒ _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

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FOR THE WEEK ENDING
MAY 5, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: NEC WEEKLY REPORT

Beginning of Appropriations Season in the Congress: The House and Senate Appropriations Committees came out with their 302(b) allocations for how much money each of the 13 subcommittees can spend. As in the budget resolution, the Congress is \$24 billion below our request for non-defense discretionary. The biggest gap is in the Labor/HHS/education allocation, which is \$7.2 billion below our request in the House and \$5.7 billion below our request in the Senate. House and Senate subcommittees are scheduled to mark-up this bill on Wednesday May 10th. The Senate will face a procedural problem in passing appropriations bills: the \$600 billion appropriations total is \$59 billion above the caps established by the 1997 budget agreement. This means that the Senate will either need to raise the cap or get 60 votes to overcome the point of order on the appropriations bills. This could give Democrats more leverage over the appropriations process. NEC has been working with OMB, Communications and others on a strategy to lay the foundation for the debate over budget priorities. We are identifying key programs that will be cut by the House and the Senate and getting Cabinet members to work these with beat reporters, regional press, and constituency groups. We also are planning to respond rapidly to establish the contrasts between Congressional appropriations actions and our priorities.

China PNTR: Levin Proposal on Enforcement and Other Issues: As you know, this week we closed our differences with Levin on his framework proposals for China PNTR. On the Congressional-Executive Commission, we agreed with Levin this week that the Commission would monitor and report on human rights, religious rights, and labor market issues, and that it would monitor and encourage rule-of-law and democracy-building in China. The Commission would also issue an annual report to Congress and to the President, which could include WTO-consistent recommendations for legislative and/or executive action. We still need to finalize legislative language, and our next policy group meeting will focus on potential problems in the proposed legislation -- particularly on the Commission and on the China product-specific safeguard proposal.

H-1B Visas: Legislation increasing the cap on the number of high-skilled temporary workers brought into the country is likely to pass this year. A Hatch/Abraham bill is expected to go to the floor of the Senate next week. In the House, two bills will be marked up on Wednesday – the House Judiciary Committee will mark up a bill by Lamar Smith and the Education and Workforce Committee will mark up a Goodling proposal. None of the bills under consideration addresses all of the Administration's priorities for H-1B legislation, which are: 1) target additional visas to workers with the highest skills; 2) increase the fee in order to expand job training and enhance INS and DoL administration and enforcement; and 3) include the Administration's proposals to provide parity to Central Americans and Haitians under NACARA and legalize long-term migrants. Nonetheless, I feel we are developing a good consensus proposal that would give industry the visas it wants, gives labor the training, higher fees and focus on higher skilled workers it wants while also calling for the two key immigration positions. I don't know if our position will catch on, but it could position us quite well.

Africa/CBI: This week, the House passed the conference report to HR 434, the Africa/CBI trade bill, by a vote of 309-110. The Senate is expected to take up the conference report next week. The bill contains a compromise on the textile and apparel issues, which have been the principal obstacle to enactment in recent years. On Africa, the deal places limits on the growth and overall level of duty-free access to our market for apparel made from African fabric. However, this limit (1.5% of US imports rising to 3.5% over 8 years) is sufficiently above current exports of these products that it would allow for very substantial growth. In addition, apparel made from yarns not available in the US (e.g., silk, cashmere) and from US fabric would not be subject to any limits. Least developed countries would also be permitted to use Asian or European fabric for the first four years of the program and still qualify for duty-free treatment.

All in all, while the deal is less than the unlimited growth potential for duty-free exports that we sought, we estimate it would still permit over 30% sustained annual growth in tariff-free shipments to the US --- a very significant incentive for investment in job-creating apparel assembly operations. Tariffs are typically 15% to 20% on imported apparel. On CBI, the main issue was the extent of garments made with CBI regional fabric that would receive the same duty-free treatment as garments made with US fabric. A quantity was agreed upon that essentially grandfathers existing levels of exports to the US made from such fabric and allows for 16% growth in each of the next three years. Unfortunately, the conference report does not include a compromise on the two HIV/AIDS-related items that we advocate: the Feinstein amendment codifying USTR's policy of flexibility on pharmaceutical intellectual property rights enforcement in AIDS-stricken countries; and your Millenium Vaccine Initiatives tax credit proposals. However, discussions are underway with Sen. Feinstein on other ways to achieve the intent of her legislation, and we will continue to press the Hill to take up the vaccine proposals.

Biotechnology: This week, the Administration announced a series of new initiatives you approved late last year on agricultural biotechnology. These initiatives are calibrated to respond to consumer, farmer, and industry interests without departing from the longstanding USG position that biotech food products are safe from the standpoint of human health and do not require mandatory approval and labeling. We reaffirmed our confidence in our independent, science-based regulatory approach, but suggested that, because science and industry are advancing rapidly and consumer interest is growing, it is appropriate for the federal government to take steps to reinforce the strength of our regulatory framework and ensure that companies' product claims are accurate and not misleading.

The aim is to facilitate market-led efforts to provide more information to consumers without endorsing the need for such disclosure and thereby undermining public confidence in the technology or hurting Wall Street's perceptions of the industry's prospects. Specifically, USDA and FDA will support voluntary industry efforts to segregate and label non-biotech foods by launching processes to develop testing and quality assurance methods (USDA) and developing guidance for the content of consumer product labels (FDA). In addition, FDA will require companies planning to introduce a new biotech food product to notify it 120 days in advance (such notification is now voluntary but generally provided), and CEQ and OSTP will coordinate a 6-month interagency review of federal regulatory oversight of the environmental risks involved in agricultural biotechnology. Finally, agencies will intensify at home and abroad education and outreach regarding the nature and strength of our regulatory process as well as the commercial, health, and environmental promise of the technology. Industry's views have shifted over the past several months, and the initiatives were widely validated by it in press reports. The most vocal consumer and environmental groups still support mandatory approval and labeling, but some moderates acknowledged pieces of the package as a step in the right direction. Furthermore, although the EU may try to misrepresent the new policy as a shift in our position lending justification to its own mandatory labeling requirements, a very clear distinction between our approach and theirs remains (i.e., voluntary as opposed to mandatory labeling and process-based vs. content-based labeling claims --- that is, FDA's labels would simply indicate that no-GMOs were added in production whereas the EU currently requires that non-biotech products meet a 1% GMO-content threshold, a requirement that they themselves have been unable to administer for lack of a reliable and standardized testing methodology).

Bob Johnson/Jesse Jackson and Iridium: Last Thursday, the NEC hosted a briefing by representatives of Bob Johnson and Jesse Jackson on their proposal to acquire Iridium to provide telephony to sub-Saharan Africa. Attendees included senior officials from DoD, State, DOC, Treasury, FCC, Ex-Im Bank, OPIC and White House agencies (OVP, CEA, NSC and OSTP). Agency officials are extremely interested in providing appropriate support (including from DoD as a potential customer, and Ex-Im and OPIC as potential sources of financing assistance).

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They also identified major hurdles the investors would have to overcome to make the business viable. One is getting the cooperation of the monopoly telecom providers in the 20 target African nations (the investors believe Jackson's role there is key); the key is charging retail prices that allow the Iridium service (which would be provided at rural or village "teleboutiques") to attract users. A second hurdle is market access elsewhere; Iridium spent 6 years negotiating market access agreements around the world, and it is unclear how many of those would "convey". Without worldwide access, the service would be of little value to DoD, which was Iridium's biggest customer. The Johnson/Jackson investor group is planning to submit a formal bid to Motorola, Iridium's operator, within a few days. We are staying on top of this.

Financial Privacy Legislation: We got remarkably good coverage and response to your announcement last Sunday of a new Administration legislative proposal on financial privacy. Consumer groups and Representatives Markey and Dingell had previously argued for affirmative consent (opt-in) before any financial information could be shared with an affiliate or third party; our proposal requires opt-in only for the most sensitive information -- medical and personal spending habits -- and the right to say no (opt-out) before all other information can be shared. Nonetheless, consumer groups and these and other members of Congress were delighted by your proposal, because it gave new momentum to the issue and went further than anyone expected us to go. In order to continue the momentum, last Thursday, Secretary Summers and I joined Minority Leader Gephardt and Representatives LaFalce, Markey, Dingell and Frank at a press conference announcing that LaFalce was introducing the bill in the House, with 21 co-sponsors. In the Senate, Senators Leahy and Sarbanes introduced the bill with eight other Senators co-sponsoring. The Democratic Senate Privacy Task Force will host hearings next week to keep up the pressure. Industry has largely avoided responding to the merits of your proposal, arguing instead that we should see how the privacy provisions in the Financial Modernization bill work before going further.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bruce Reed
Eric Liu

SUBJECT: DPC Weekly Report

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8,000 fewer murders

1. Crime – 1999 FBI Uniform Crime Report. On Sunday, the FBI will release new 1999 statistics showing that crime is down for an unprecedented eighth year in a row. Communities of all sizes and from all regions experienced the decline, still the longest on record. The overall number of crimes dropped seven percent. Violent crime also dropped seven percent, including an eight percent drop in murder and seven percent drops in rapes and aggravated assaults. Property crime fell seven percent. There were over 8,000 fewer murders in 1999 than in 1992. While the drops in crime were enjoyed by nearly all cities, 36 cities with populations of 100,000 or more reported increases in crime; nearly two-thirds of these cities are in the South, including 12 in Texas. Overall, the South experienced the lowest decline in the country, a 4 percent decrease.

2. Guns – Legislative Action. Senator Lautenberg is considering offering an amendment to the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization bill that would include gun provisions from both the Senate-passed juvenile justice bill and your gun enforcement initiative. Since the underlying ESEA bill may be pulled, and the Republican leadership is opposed to allowing any gun amendments, it is not clear that Lautenberg's amendment will get a floor vote.

3. Education – Gore's Teacher Quality Plan. Today, the Vice President outlined his teacher quality plan in a speech before the Michigan Education Association. Gore's plan builds on his previously announced campaign proposals, and your current Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization proposal. He would require states, by 2004, to test all new teachers in subject-matter knowledge and teaching skills, and make sure 100 percent of teachers are fully qualified to teach in their subject area. Your ESEA proposal includes the testing requirement, and would require 95 percent of teachers to be qualified in their subject area. Gore pledged to recruit one million new teachers over the next decade with scholarships, signing bonuses, loan forgiveness and a national recruitment campaign. This builds in part on the expanded Troops to Teachers initiative included in your ESEA proposal, and loan forgiveness provisions enacted in the 1998 Higher Education Act reauthorization. Gore proposed strengthening the Higher Standards-Higher Pay initiative he announced in December with new requirements and more rewards for successful teachers. Gore's initiative would offer competitive grants to high-poverty districts that work with businesses, parents and teachers unions to adopt aggressive teacher quality plans, in exchange for salary increases of up to \$5,000 for every qualified teacher in the district, and up to \$10,000 for master teachers. Participating districts would set higher standards for granting tenure, including student performance as one measure of a teacher's ability; adopt faster but fair ways to identify and improve or remove low-performing teachers; and empower principals, working with

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teams of teachers, to hire their own staffs. Districts would use some of the grant funds to develop and implement innovative pay-for-performance and merit pay plans. Your budget proposal includes a demonstration project based on this proposal. Finally, Gore would invest in high-quality professional development for teachers, similar to your Teaching to High Standards budget proposal.

4. Immigration – ESL/Civics Education Initiative Grants. Next week, the Education Department will announce 12 grants, totaling \$6.9 million, to test ways of combining instruction in civics and English as a Second Language. And in July, thirty-one states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will share in an additional \$25.5 million in grants from your ESL/Civics Education Initiative. We are working to find a naturalization ceremony in that timeframe where you could swear in new citizens and announce these grants and other immigration-related initiatives.

5. Health – Update on Medicare Prescription Drugs. Next Wednesday, Senator Daschle is scheduled to join you in unveiling a Senate Democratic prescription drug bill virtually identical to your proposal. Congressman Gephardt is attempting to complete a counterpart House Democratic initiative, but may not be able to forge a consensus in time. Most Senate Democrats will either cosponsor or indicate that they support the Daschle drug benefit. However, there will be a small group of Democrats – particularly from the Finance Committee – who will continue to work on their own alternatives. While we continue to send signals of flexibility, we have indications that at least a few Democrats (Breaux, Moynihan, Baucus) may be exploring policy avenues that would raise serious concerns, including a private insurance drug-only plan and a low-income-only plan.

6. Health – Update on Patients' Bill of Rights. Next week, you are scheduled to host the bipartisan leaders of the Patients' Bill of Rights conference committee. This will give you an opportunity to get a status report, to push the conferees along, and to offer any technical assistance that could expedite their work. Patient and provider advocacy groups are very pleased with your efforts but are increasingly frustrated with the overall lack of progress, and many believe Senator Kennedy and Congressman Dingell need to be more forceful in their criticism of the bottlenecked process. We are planning separate meetings with the Democrats and advocates soon after your visit with the conferees to discuss alternative legislative and communications strategies.

7. Health – Medicare Reimbursement for Prostate Cancer Screening. You asked whether Medicare covers the PSA prostate cancer screening test. Consistent with the Medicare prevention improvement provisions you signed into law, the program began on January 1, 2000 to reimburse for this lab test for men over the age of 50. No cost sharing is required on the part of the beneficiary. We are hoping to launch new national and regional outreach efforts on this and other preventive benefits in concert with commemoration of Medicare's 35th anniversary in July. HHS has also included information on coverage of the PSA test in this year's edition of the "Medicare and You" handbook, and will include new information about the test on the Medicare website.

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8. Health – Stem Cell Regulation. Prompted by an article about Christopher Reeve's interest in the medical potential of stem cell research, you asked for an update on Administration's efforts to fund such research. As you may know, the HHS General Counsel has ruled that the Congressional ban on human embryo research does not preclude NIH-funded stem cell research, since the cells, which do not have the capacity to develop into a human being, cannot be considered embryos. This interpretation has been widely heralded by disease and patient advocates. NIH will publish a final rule on this subject this summer and plans to begin funding research on human embryonic stem cells by the end of this fiscal year.

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9. Health – Medicare Reimbursement for Clinical Trials. You asked about a letter from Stephen Cloobek regarding HCFA's flexibility to provide Medicare reimbursement for the routine patient care costs associated with participation in clinical trials. Although HHS General Counsel has yet to complete a statutory review, HCFA may indeed have the administrative flexibility to cover such experimental treatments without requiring a legislative change. We believe this would be entirely consistent with your budget policy. We are expediting HHS's internal review, and will take all steps possible to give you the option of administrative action.

10. Health – Update on Providing School-Based Services through the Medicaid Program. After receiving a letter from Congressman Bentsen, you asked for an update on draft HCFA guidance restricting reimbursement for administrative costs incurred by school districts providing Medicaid services. This draft guidance came in response to disturbing GAO reports that some states and districts are inappropriately using Medicaid funds to pay for principals' salaries and busing, and to pad the state's general revenue budgets. However, many districts are very dependent on these dollars for legitimate uses – including efforts to identify and enroll uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP – and they have raised persuasive concerns about the draft guidance. We are working with HCFA and the Department of Education to ensure that the final guidance will be sensitive to and supportive of the legitimate use of these dollars by many school districts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER BALLENTINE

RE: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES WEEKLY

Climate ChangePress, Science and Industry

Scientists are blaming the highest sea temperatures ever recorded for the bleaching of coral reefs off the coast of Belize, according to a study in *Nature* (5/3). Researchers have used radiocarbon dating to determine that nothing similar has happened in 3,000 years, and blame the current destruction on global warming and El Nino. These are "novel events on a time scale of millennia," the scientists stated.

The Sun *does not* have an important role in recent global warming trends, according a study in *New Scientists* magazine (5/3). Danish researchers who earlier believed the sun may be playing a role now find that "Something else is acting on the climate (that) . . . has the fingerprints of the greenhouse effect."

A consortium of seven major energy corporations, lead by BP Amoco, and including Royal Dutch Shell and Texaco, announced a \$20 million joint project for research and development on the sequestration of CO2.

British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott in a speech in Washington (4/27) warned that nations must start delivering on promised steps to cut harmful greenhouse gas emissions to prevent disaster. Prescott praised both you and the Vice President for your leadership on the environment, noting that you have rightly been publicizing the fact that the earth's temperatures are rising. Prescott warned, however, that this is a make-or-break year for implementing the Kyoto Protocol, and that the U.S. is the key to success or failure. I attended a small dinner with Prescott earlier last week, and he made his frustration with our insistence on developing country "participation" very clear, saying that this "was not the deal you signed up to."

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Legislative

On Thursday, May 4 during the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee markup, Representative Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) introduced a new climate change rider that would bar funds "for the Kyoto Protocol, including such Kyoto mechanisms as carbon emissions trading schemes and the Clean Development Mechanisms that are found solely in the Kyoto Protocol and nowhere in laws of the United States." The language goes far beyond previous rider language, and seems aimed at preventing the Administration from negotiating or even discussing the flexibility mechanisms that are key to keeping compliance costs of the Protocol to a minimum.

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Also on May 4, Senators Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Bob Kerrey (D-NE), of the Agricultural Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, held a hearing on Carbon Sequestration Research Opportunities, and on Senator Roberts' legislation (S.1066, the Carbon Cycle and Agricultural Best Practices Research Act). The Members, including Senators Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Tim Johnson (D-SD), agreed that climate change is a significant global environmental problem. All support additional research to understand the carbon cycle, and how agriculture can maximize sequestration of greenhouse gases.

International

The EU Commission has adopted a new plan to promote energy efficiency and reduce consumption by 18 percent, roughly the total energy demand of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece and the Netherlands combined, *Reuters* reported (5/1). The commission will submit the plan to the EU energy ministers at their next meeting May 30.

Lands Legacy

The House leadership has agreed to take up H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, next week. Co-sponsors Don Young (R-AK) and George Miller (D-CA) have expressed confidence that the bill will pass comfortably. After this news, Senate Energy Committee Chairman Murkowski (R-AK) announced that his Committee will mark up the Senate version of this legislation on June 14.

cc: The Vice President
John Podesta
Martin Baily
Maria Echaveste
Steve Ricchetti
Chuck Brain
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SUBJECT:

OSTP WEEKLY REPORT

Senators Supportive of Biotech Proposals and S&T Budget Request

On Wednesday I briefed Senator Bond on the specifics of your just released directives to enhance consumer confidence in agricultural biotechnology through science-based regulation and improved access to information. Sen. Bond, one of the leading advocates in the Senate on the use of agricultural biotechnology, was supportive of your proposals, and was particularly pleased with the proposal to expand outreach activities designed to better educate consumers on the strengths of our science-based regulatory system.

The following day I testified before the Senate VA/HUD Appropriations Subcommittee on your science and technology budget request for FY 2001. Although Chairman Bond and Ranking Member Mikulski had grave concerns about the allocations they would be receiving from the leadership, both were enthusiastic supporters of your requested historic increase for the National Science Foundation. Sen. Mikulski called it "significant and fitting." Members of the Subcommittee also showed significant support for your National Nanotechnology Initiative.

Civic Scientists Honored

This week the National Science Board conferred its most prestigious awards on American scientists who have combined path breaking scientific work with public service. Dr. Herbert York was recognized for his ability to merge scientific advancement with public policy that emphasizes social responsibility during his four decades of work in nuclear energy and leadership in the arms control movement. Dr. Norman Borlaug, the "father of the green revolution," was recognized for methods he developed to increase wheat production around the world, perhaps saving more lives than any other person who has ever lived. Borlaug gave an impassioned acceptance speech at the awards ceremony about the importance of agricultural biotechnology in helping to curb world hunger.

The husband/wife team of Philip and Phylis Morrison were recognized for their efforts over many years to communicate science and enhance the public's understanding of it, and for educating, encouraging and influencing a new generation of scientists. I am very pleased to see these prestigious awards go to those who have successfully linked excellent scientific research careers with pursuit of societal goals. It will encourage more scientists to become involved in important social and political issues, I believe.

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Global Science and Technology Week Hailed

We have received an enthusiastic response to your scheduled proclamation of the week of May 7-13 as Global Science and Technology Week. Public and private sector organizations are developing activities throughout the United States to highlight the importance of an internationally diverse and open scientific enterprise. For example, suggested educational materials have been distributed to over 125,000 educators. Museums, including the Smithsonian, will integrate this event into their tours. Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," will hold events on Capitol Hill and a Webchat on GLOBE. Secretary Albright will issue a statement on the integration of the role of S&T throughout the Department of State. And I will speak to a gathering of more than 3,000 at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Detroit. It is particularly hoped that the week will help to better prepare young students to participate in the world's interdependent high-tech economy and the global scientific community.

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Testing of Kennewick Man Begins

This week, experts from across the United States have started preparing tiny samples from the Kennewick Man skeleton for DNA tests. Such tests would help show the origin of the 9,300-year-old skeleton and might help settle claims about whether the remains can be linked to present-day Native American groups. It is not uncommon to get DNA out of old remains, but in order for the tests to be successful the bones must contain enough preserved material to test for DNA. There is concern that the material needed for testing, which may have survived thousands of years in a grave, could have broken down when the skeleton washed into the Columbia River. Many DNA experts believe that the chances of obtaining conclusive DNA evidence from the ancient bones are slim at best. If the remains are culturally affiliated to any existing tribes, they would have to be returned to their modern lineal descendants.

Global Warming makes the Sports Page

Last week, *USA Today* listed its A-to-Z reasons for the increasing number of homeruns in baseball. Letter "G" is Global Warming. "Baseballs are more lively in warm weather than cold," the article notes. NOAA Administrator Baker is quoted from his recent Earth Day speech as saying "Our climate is warming now at a rate faster than any other time in the instrument record." As far as OSTP can determine, no one has projected how the anticipated 2 to 6 degree warming over the next century will affect the future all-time homerun record. We would note however, that because warmer air presents less friction, you can also expect even longer drives and even more accurate approach shots in your golf game.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Mickey Ibarra

SUBJECT: Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Weekly Report
May 1-5, 2000

CHINA/PNTR

IGA continues to encourage support for our China/PNTR efforts from state and local elected officials. This week, several mayors indicated their support for the issue, including Lee Brown (Houston); Ron Kirk (Dallas); Leo Montalvo (McAllen, TX); and Sam Neal (Corpus Christi). In addition, as we reported last week, the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM) passed a resolution in support of China/PNTR at their annual conference. The NCBM continues to seek support among its membership, and Mayor Wellington Webb, president of the US Conference of Mayors, has pledged to work toward a similar resolution from that group.

GOVERNORS

Governor Jesse Ventura (I-MN): After your meeting with Governor Ventura on May 4, the Governor told the press that you had essentially endorsed his proposal for a unicameral legislature in the State. The Press Office called the reporters to indicate that you had indicated only your interest in the idea, not support for the Governor's proposal. In a meeting with the governor later the same day he expressed his satisfaction with the time he spent with you and looks forward to accepting your golf invitation.

Governor Bill Graves (R-KS): On May 3, IGA notified Governor Graves that you had approved his request for a disaster declaration. In April, portions of Southeastern Kansas suffered significant damage from tornadoes and other severe weather.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

On May 3, IGA hosted a White House briefing by senior White House staff for the Chair, Supervisor Gloria Molina, and all of the LA County Board of Supervisors, along with Sheriff Lee Baca. The main topic was the County's request to HCFA for a five-year extension of its Medicaid Demonstration Project, which is due to expire on June 30. HCFA has offered a three-

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year extension if the County partners with the State of California. The issue was not resolved, but further discussions will follow.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

National Association of Counties (NACO): On May 6, IGA will participate in the NACO Presidential Initiative Task Force on Economic Development in Atlanta, GA. The hearing will focus on the importance of strategic planning and technology in economic development. IGA will discuss the Administration's Mississippi Delta Initiative.

CITY OUTREACH

Mayor Belton hosted me for a roundtable discussion with area elected officials in Minneapolis May 4. Mayor Finkbeiner did the same for Toledo area officials and community leaders May 5. The roundtable discussions are proving to be an excellent venue to deliver a White House message and respond to particular concerns.

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SOUTHWEST BORDER INITIATIVE

IGA convened a briefing for Maria Echaveste and Charles Burson to update them on the progress of the implementation of Executive Order 13122 -- designed to promote increased coordination among federal agencies to create conditions necessary for sustainable economic development in the Southwest Border region. Over the past two weeks, an Interagency Task Force has sent a request for proposals for community demonstration projects to more than 150 cities, towns and counties within a 150-mile radius of the Southwest border. The Task Force expects to choose at least four demonstration projects, and expects to announce these projects on or about May 25, 2000 (the one-year anniversary of the signing of this Executive Order).

INSULAR AREAS

Vieques: There was widespread praise in Puerto Rico -- including editorial praise from all three newspapers -- for the way the Navy handled the Navy facility removal. Two of the papers, including the one that had been critical of the agreement, also urged Congress to pass the agreement's aid provisions.

Puerto Rico Rum Tax: Led by Senator Moynihan (D-NY), the Africa Trade Bill Conference Committee tacked on our proposal to provide Puerto Rico with the full rum tax revenue this fiscal year. Expediting the payments will provide an increase of approximately \$32 million to Puerto Rico.

Samoa Disaster Aid: IGA met with aides to Governor Tau'ese Sunia (D) to discuss his requests for changes in FEMA decisions on past disaster aid requests. IGA is working with FEMA to give the requests proper consideration. The territory continues to face serious budgetary problems.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. **T.M.**
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SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports
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AMPLIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

- **Commencement Amplification:** In the coming weeks, the members of your Cabinet will travel to over 40 different commencements around the country to highlight Administration accomplishments. Seventeen members of your Cabinet will be traveling to 21 states, including the following: Secretary Albright at University of California at Berkeley, Secretary Glickman at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, Secretary Riley at Boston College, Secretary Slater at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, Ambassador Barshefsky at University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis, MN, and Director Witt at Atkins High School in Atkins, AR. Cabinet have been provided with Administration talking points prepared by White House Communications and your speechwriting staff. A full list of Cabinet commencements is attached.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

- **Debt Paydown:** On May 1, Secretary Summers held a press conference at the White House to announce the paydown of \$185B in marketable debt this quarter, the largest quarterly reduction in our nation's history. Based on current projections, the Administration expects to pay down a total of \$216B in publicly held debt this fiscal year, bringing the three-year total debt reduction to more than \$350B, or almost 10 percent of the nation's publicly held debt. The Secretary attributed the favorable results in large part to strong growth in revenues associated with a robust domestic economy. When specifically asked about tax cuts, Secretary Summers noted that debt reduction is the most effective form of a tax cut and the most effective policy for maintaining economic expansion and the strength of our economy.

- Debt Management:** On April 27, Treasury completed its fourth debt buyback operation, purchasing \$3B in outstanding bonds maturing between 2015 and 2025. This operation, which was conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, brings the total of this year's debt buybacks to \$7B. On May 3, Treasury announced its quarterly refunding plans to issue \$20B in new notes which will go toward refunding approximately \$27.8B of privately-held notes maturing on May 15th, resulting in a net reduction of approximately \$7.8B in debt. Treasury also announced that it is likely to reduce or eliminate one-year bills as borrowing needs continue to decline. The one-year bills are used to establish rates for certain student loans, as well as interest rates for a limited number of government purposes. Treasury is participating in discussions with OMB, DOEd, and certain members of Congress to ensure that all potential issues are addressed if such bills are eliminated.
- Mexico:** On May 12, Secretary Summers will meet with Mexican Finance Minister Gurria to discuss the merits of converting Mexico's IMF program to a precautionary program, which would mean that funds are available if needed but not automatically drawn. Such a decision would signal Mexico's economic strength to the financial markets and further our objective of limiting IMF disbursements to countries experiencing balance-of-payments difficulties.
- Foreign Sales Corporation Tax:** On May 2-3, Deputy Secretary Eizenstat led an inter-agency team to Europe to present EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy and French and United Kingdom trade and tax officials with the U.S. response to the WTO Appellate Body's adverse decision regarding the U.S. Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) tax provision. The U.S. proposal responds directly to the WTO's concerns, which is that the provision is export contingent, while protecting the interests of U.S. companies and jobs. Specifically, the proposal repeals the FSC and replaces it with an elective regime that would apply to all foreign sales meeting certain conditions, including a 50 percent domestic content requirement. The proposal has the support of the U.S. business community and key Members of Congress from both parties. Commissioner Lamy stated that he would provide a reaction to the proposal by mid-May.
- Financial Literacy:** Following up on your call to develop a plan to help all Americans improve their financial literacy, Treasury is working with leading financial education groups to form a national coalition to spread financial literacy in the U.S. The coalition, announced by Secretary Summers on April 4, is comprised of public and private partners, including the American Savings Education Council, the Consumer Federation of America and a large array of financial institutions. It will initially focus on creating a national awareness campaign, using web sites and conferences, for improving financial skills and savings in the U.S. and will begin this effort by early summer.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Gonzalez Briefings:** On May 2, DOJ briefed Senator Graham on the intelligence matters related to Operation Reunion, specifically on the possibility of weapons in or around the Gonzalez home in Miami. DOJ provided similar briefing on May 3 for the House and Senate Judiciary staff.
- **Internet is Used to Market Unapproved Drug:** On April 20, a district judge issued an order enjoining a Queens contracting company and its president from selling an unapproved cancer cure commonly known as Laetrile. The U.S. filed suit in October 1999, charging the company and its president with using the Internet to market the drug, which is not approved by the FDA, in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. During the 18-month period from December 1997 to August 1999, the defendants sent out more than 20 million unsolicited emails (commonly referred to as "SPAM") promoting the Laetrile products for the prevention and cure of cancer.
- **Crime Victims' Conference:** The U.S. Attorney for the District of UT and the UT Council on Victims co-sponsored the 13th Annual Crime Victims' Conference in Salt Lake City April 26-27. Approximately 300 federal, state, and local professionals who work in the criminal justice system, as well as victims of crime, attended the training.
- **Internet Crimes Against Children:** On May 10, Deputy Attorney General Holder is expected to announce ten grants totaling \$2.4M under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Internet Crimes Against Children program. The grants support specialized training and up-to-date equipment for regional task forces of law enforcement officers to prevent, detect, and prosecute online child exploitation. This is the third group of task forces to be funded.
- **Drugs and Jails Statistics:** On May 10, the Bureau of Justice Statistics is scheduled to release *Drug Use, Testing, and Treatment in Jails*. The special report includes data on the number of jurisdictions that conduct drug tests on jail inmates and staff, testing criteria testing, the percentage of inmates who test positive, and policies and actions taken by jurisdictions in response to positive tests. Other data describe the type of treatment programs available in local jail jurisdictions and the number of inmates in treatment at midyear 1998. The report also summarizes the characteristics of drug-involved jail inmates, including their drug use history, criminal history, and participation in treatment since admission.
- **Victims of Fraud Publication:** On May 9, the Office for Victims of Crime plans to release *Victims of Fraud and Economic Crime*. The document presents training ideas, promising practices, recommendations, and action plans generated by an OVC focus group.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

- **Pacific Coral Bleaching:** Unusually high ocean temperatures in the last month have resulted in severe coral bleaching of major reefs around Viti Levu, Fiji's largest island. Surveys in Beqa Lagoon in Fiji found 78 percent of coral at four meters depth have turned white or discolored. At least 12 percent of coral in the area is now dead after the sudden incident. Coral reefs are extremely important to the local and national economies of Pacific Islands.
 - **Naturally Occurring Arsenic:** Timed to coincide with National Drinking Water Week, May 3-7, USGS will release a national map and fact sheet on the Internet showing counties where at least 10 percent of the sampled wells exceed the 10 micrograms per liter contaminant level for arsenic in U.S. drinking water. Concentrations of arsenic in the USGS study were almost always lower than the current EPA standard of 50 micrograms per liter, a standard that is currently under revision and may be reduced to the World Health Organization's of 10 micrograms per liter. Highest concentrations are found throughout the West and in parts of the Midwest and Northeast.
 - **CITES Conference Successful in Protecting Resources:** The 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species has concluded in Nairobi, Kenya. The 151 member nations approved measures designed to enhance the protection and conservation of whales, elephants, and sea turtles against commercial exploitation. After reaching a compromise with Kenya and India, southern African countries withdrew their proposals to reopen the ivory trade. Kenya and India had opposed any resumption of that trade. Conference delegates re-confirmed that the International Whaling Commission is the primary organization responsible for managing whales and turned down proposals for international trade in whale products. Cuba's proposal to trade its valuable stockpile of hawksbill turtle shells to Japan was rejected. The U.S. led efforts to develop new agreements designed to strengthen trade protections for musk deer, Tibetan antelope, bears, tigers, and sturgeon.
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- **Lands Legacy 2001:** Over the past several weeks, DOI has met with groups not usually associated with DOI programs but which have shown a strong interest in Lands Legacy. Those groups include the Boys and Girls Clubs, Major League Baseball, the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, the Girl Scouts, and the National Education Association, among many others. There is great interest in the creation of a permanent fund to help state and local governments create more parks. DOI has also met with several local elected officials, including a group of 65 mayors from NJ.
 - **FY2000 Urban Parks Grants:** NPS has completed its review of applications for \$2M in Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery program grants funded as a result of Administration efforts in the FY2000 appropriations process (UPRR). The grant

recipients will be announced in mid-May and events will be planned to highlight the significance of this program to local communities. In FY2001, the Budget requests \$20M for UPRR grants as part of \$1.4B Lands Legacy Initiative.

- **South Florida Ecosystem Restoration:** On May 12, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, composed of policy level officials of federal, state, local and tribal governments, will meet in Washington, DC. The Task Force will discuss ways of avoiding and resolving disputes among various parties in the Everglades restoration effort.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **Hispanic Farmers:** While the number of U.S. farmers has been in decline for decades, from 1992 to 1997, the number of Hispanic farmers has increased by nearly a third—from 20,966, to 27,717. Each year, Hispanic operators make over \$3B in agricultural sales—\$2B of which comes from crops (fruits, nuts, berries, vegetables, nursery, cotton, and hay), and \$1 billion from livestock sales.
- **West Nile Virus (WNV):** On April 25, USDA, EPA, National Wildlife Health Center, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hosted an event to overview work related to combating the WNV outbreak that began in 1999, and current preparations for a possible recurrence. In a related item, on April 17-18, USDA scientists at the Mosquito and Fly Research Unit, in Gainesville, FL, met with scientists from the Wildlife Conservation Society and Yale University to develop plans for the use of USDA-developed insect trapping technology to collect, identify, and control potential WNV mosquito vectors.
- **Commodity Markets:** Generally favorable crop conditions and sluggish exports led wheat prices lower for the week. Cash corn and soybean prices rose as rapid planting progress slowed farmer selling, but futures fell on prospects for precipitation in the western Corn Belt. Rice cash prices held steady, but futures dropped under the pressure of good new-crop prospects and weak world markets. Cotton prices fell in thin trade, despite reports of increased U.S. mill use and good export sales. Lower slaughter levels led to a sag in cattle prices. Slower marketings, in the face of more intensive fieldwork in the Midwest, accounted for the jump in hog prices. Broiler prices rose as brisk food service demand outpaced sluggish retail sales. Cheese prices hovered just above support. Butter prices moved up on good seasonal demand, despite adequate stocks and active churning schedules.
- ✓ • **Minimum Wage Impact on Food Prices:** On May 10, USDA will release an Economic Research Service report showing that a simulated 50-cent increase in the minimum wage, if entirely passed on to consumers, would increase food prices by less than one percent

for most of the foods at food stores, and by one percent at eating and drinking places. Additionally, the economic model used assumes that firms do not alter production processes despite being faced with higher minimum wages, leading the estimates to show likely higher price increases than would actually occur.

- **Listeria:** On May 15, USDA will hold a public meeting to discuss an action plan for the control and prevention of *Listeria monocytogenes*. USDA will review USDA initiatives undertaken after its February 1999 public meeting, as well as future plans to protect the public from *listeria*.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **China Compliance Plan:** On May 3, Secretary Daley announced a five-point plan to enforce China's WTO commitments, and to ensure the U.S. receives the full benefits of our bilateral trade agreement. The plan calls for a rapid-response compliance team working here and in China; comparative law dialogue and technical assistance; tight new deadlines to investigate market access and commercial problems; a China-specific WTO training and export promotion program; and China-specific trade enforcement and statistical monitoring. Secretary Daley presented the plan at a hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee.
- **U.S.-China Virtual Trade Mission:** International Trade Administration representatives are working on details for the Virtual Trade Mission to China announced during the recent Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade meetings. Preliminary plans include participation by Secretary Daley and Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Shi, coordination with an existing trade show in China, and a range of virtual options for participants. The Mission is expected to take place in the fall.
- **China Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprise Success:** On April 26, in Beijing, DUS for Trade Policy Eric Bill witnessed the signing of a medical equipment sales contract between the China National Instruments Import & Export Corporation and Chindex (U.S.-China Industrial Exchange, Inc.), a small U.S. company headquartered in Bethesda, MD. The \$12M contract covers the sale of advanced medical equipment using preferential financing guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank.
- **Census:** Return rates for both long and short forms had exceeded Census Bureau goals. The Census 2000 Internet site posted a national initial response rate of 64 percent through April 18, the Nonresponse Followup cut off date. The long-form returns was 56.5 percent, exceeding the goal of 55.9 percent. The short form return rate was 68.1 percent. The Census Bureau had checked in 89.6 million census questionnaires received from the data capture centers.

- **International Charging Arrangement for Internet Service:** DOC's National Telecommunications and Information Administration is working with the International Telecommunication Union and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum to prevent measures that would hinder the development of the global Internet. A number of proposals are being considered that would attempt to impose cost-sharing in the charging arrangements between international Internet Service Providers. The U.S. opposes such measures, and supports the reliance on commercial negotiations between ISPs for connectivity to the global Internet.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **OFCCP Regulations:** On May 4, DOL published in the *Federal Register* proposed revisions to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) regulations under Executive Order 11246. Executive Order 11246 requires that Federal Government contractors and subcontractors not discriminate in employment, and that they take affirmative action to ensure that employees and applicants are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The proposed rule primarily addresses the contents of affirmative action programs (AAP), which must be maintained by contractors with 50 or more employees and a contract of \$50,000 or more. Final adoption of the rule will reduce contractors' burdens in preparing the AAP, improve OFCCP's ability to monitor compliance, and increase opportunities for contractor self-audit and voluntary compliance.
- **OSHA Fact Sheet:** OSHA plans to release a new fact sheet on risks and protective measures for taxi cab drivers. The fact sheet has been the subject of press interest even before it is issued.

Office of Small Business Programs: On May 7-9, OSBP will participate in the National Indian Business Association's Eighth Annual Conference and Trade Show, "Native Americans In Technologies: The Future of Success." This event will focus on providing tribal and Indian enterprises access to entrepreneurial development, E-Commerce, and federal procurement opportunities. It is expected that 300-500 businesses will attend, providing DOL the opportunity to identify Indian businesses that meet DOL's procurement needs.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **Synar Settlement:** This week, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Administrator Nelba Chavez announced an agreement with seven states and to strengthen enforcement of Synar regulations prohibiting sale of DC tobacco products to minors. DE, IA, MN, MO, OR, RI, WY, and DC have agreed to commit a total of \$7.6M in state revenues to enforcement activities this year as the penalty for non-

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compliance with the Synar regulations in 1999. The agreement follows passage of Section 218 of the federal FY2000 Appropriations Act. Section 218 permits these seven states and DC to avoid a potential 40 percent penalty against their annual Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds if they accept an alternative solution that would strengthen enforcement activities.

- **Pre-Market Review of Bioengineered Foods:** On May 3, FDA announced plans to refine its regulatory approach to biotechnology-derived foods. FDA will publish a proposed rule mandating that developers of bioengineered foods and animal feeds notify the agency when they intend to market such products and submit specific information to help FDA determine whether the foods pose any potential safety, labeling or adulteration issues. FDA will propose that submitted information and the agency's conclusions be made available to the public, consistent with applicable disclosure laws, by posting them on the FDA Web site for easy viewing. FDA also announced plans to draft labeling guidance to help manufacturers who wish to label foods made with or without the use of bioengineered ingredients. The guidelines will help ensure that labeling is truthful and informative. To receive maximum consumer input, FDA will develop the guidelines with the use of focus groups and will seek public comment on the draft guidance.
- **Small Business and Health Care:** On May 8, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality plans to issue a press release to announce the findings of an Agency-funded study, which resulted from focus groups of owners and business managers of small firms. The study concludes that price and satisfaction of employees who want to keep their current physicians seem to be far more important to small businesses when negotiating health care coverage than plan quality performance or accreditation status. When asked to rate the importance of six features of plans, accreditation status was ranked last and clinical quality next to last. Price scored first; physician availability, second; benefits, third; and employee satisfaction, fourth. The small business owners and managers said that neither they nor their insurance agents compare plans' quality performance because it's too complicated and they do not have the time to try to understand it.
- **Warning Letter to Gene Therapy Investigator:** On April 28, the FDA issued a warning letter to Dr. Jeffrey M. Isner, the principal clinical investigator in a series of clinical trials involving vascular endothelial growth factors. These are trials involving gene therapy and patients with either cardiac or peripheral circulatory deficiencies. The letter cites Dr. Isner for violations of FDA regulations on studies involving investigational new drugs and the protection of human subjects. FDA has notified NIH the studies have been placed on clinical hold.

- **Surgeon General Report on Mental Health:** On May 22, Surgeon General Satcher will participate in a National Mental Health Association and Carter Center national videoconference. Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will join the Surgeon General in a discussion of how the report on mental health, released in December 1999 with Mrs. Gore, can advance the national mental health agenda.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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- **HUD Home Sales to Local Governments:** HUD today began selling homes to local governments at a price of \$1 each, to create housing for families in need and to help revitalize neighborhoods. Under the \$1 Home Initiative, single-family homes that are acquired in foreclosure actions by the Federal Housing Administration are eligible for sale to local governments around the nation for \$1 each whenever FHA is unable to sell the homes for six months. More than 1,000 homes are initially eligible for sale to local governments under the initiative, and additional homes will become available for sale each month. Hundreds of local governments have informed HUD they are interested in buying \$1 homes. Newport News and Norfolk, VA; Pittsfield, MA; Rockford, IL; and San Bernadino, CA have already agreed to purchase homes.
- **Gun BuyBack:** The Kansas City, KS Housing Authority will reprogram \$30,000 of its FY1999 Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program grant funding and will receive \$12,900 in matching funds from HUD for a total of \$42,900 for its Gun BuyBack Initiative. The KS Authority's goal is to take approximately 940 guns off the street in exchange for food vouchers and other gift certificates for clothes and household items. Additionally, the Authority expects to leverage 10 percent of the budget through contributions from the private sector.
- **Independent Living for Elderly and Disabled:** Secretary Cuomo awarded \$2.5M in grants to help low-income elderly people and people with disabilities get health care, meals, and other supportive services they need to continue living in HUD-subsidized housing in 22 states. Public housing authorities will use the Resident Opportunities Self-Sufficiency Program funds to employ service coordinators who will help the elderly and people with disabilities in HUD housing get the supportive services that enable them to live independently.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **IL Commercial Driver's License:** On May 3, DOT announced that a panel of transportation experts will review the IL commercial driver's license program. The panel was created in response to Governor Ryan's request to Secretary Slater for assistance in conducting a review of the State's Commercial Driver License and driver safety programs. An ongoing federal investigation of the IL CDL program is looking into

alleged fraudulent issuing of CDLs to drivers in IL and FL. While addressing CDL deficiencies in IL, the panel hopes to develop system and operational recommendations that will strengthen state CDL programs nationwide.

- **Surface Transportation Board Rail Merger:** On April 25, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit declined to rule on petitions filed by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and the Canadian National Railroad. The petitions had sought a stay of the Board's March 15 decision which imposed a fifteen-month moratorium on the filing of major rail merger applications. The Court agreed to consider the merits of the STB's decision under an expedited schedule with oral arguments place on June 13. On March 7, Secretary Slater urged the development new standards but not to impose a moratorium.
- **U.S. Coast Guard Delegation to Russia:** From April 26-28, a U.S. Coast Guard delegation traveled to Petropavlovsk to meet with their Russian counterparts in the Northeast Regional Border Service to discuss mutual enforcement concerns and develop plans for joint patrols and a ship rider program along the U.S.-Russia maritime boundary in the Bering Sea. This effort supports the Administration's Environmental Initiative regarding fisheries enforcement.
- **Mississippi Delta Conference:** From May 10-11, Delta Vision, Delta Voices: The Mississippi Delta Beyond 2000 -- A National Conference will be held in Arlington, VA. The conference has three purposes: 1) to unveil the final report and action plan, a follow-up to the ten-year plan that the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission presented by you in 1990; 2) to focus national attention on the Mississippi Delta region's progress and economic and social needs; and 3) to provide the forum for establishing the framework for implementation of the action plan and related activities concerning the Delta's needs through meaningful federal action and a strong partnership among the federal government, state and local officials and of the private sector.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **National Clean Cities Conference:** From May 7-10, the sixth annual National Clean Cities Conference will be held in San Diego, CA. On May 9, Secretary Richardson will deliver the keynote address to announce the transportation State Energy Program grants winners and the Clean Cities National Partner Award Winners for the year 2000. The Conference has grown to become the largest annual gathering of alternative fuel vehicle stakeholders in the country.
- **U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission:** From May 18-19, the 17th U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission will meet in Washington, DC, and will be hosted by the Secretary of State and her Mexican counterpart. Secretary Richardson is expected to attend the Energy Working Group meeting with Mexican Energy Secretary Luis Tellez.

- **APEC Energy Minister Conference:** From May 10-12, Secretary Richardson will host energy ministers and senior government officials from 21 economies in San Diego, CA. The conference will focus on implementing commitments that APEC economies have made to reform their energy sectors, and on clean and sustainable energy development in the region.
- **Voluntary Separation Programs:** On May 4, DOE, with the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), provided details of two voluntary separation incentive programs that will be offered to workers at the former DOE gaseous diffusion plants in Piketon, OH and Paducah, KY. The programs are designed to help ease the impact of up to 850 job reductions at the two facilities in July.
- **Travel to Russia:** From May 14-19, a delegation of DOE officials and laboratory personnel will travel to Moscow for meetings and a workshop with the Russian Academy of Sciences. On May 15, the Russian Academy of Sciences will host a signing of the DOE-Academy MOU on Science and Technology Cooperation. From May 16-17, DOE and the Academy will host a two-day technical workshop on the chemistry and thermodynamics of actinides.
- **Georgia Oil Spill:** From May 24-26, DOE and the Georgian Parliament will co-host a workshop on legal and legislative issues associated with implementing national and regional oil spill response systems in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop is a continuation of an ongoing series of meetings DOE has sponsored to help facilitate environmental clean-up cooperation in the Black Sea region.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **DC Initiative:** The issue of expanding the DC tuition access program nationwide in its first year continues to be under discussion within DOEd offices and with city officials. On May 2, Delegate Norton's office released information indicating that the tuition access program allows DC students to receive tuition breaks at any public college or university in the nation. DOEd is in discussions with the Mayor's office regarding steps to expand the program in a way that is consistent with the law.
- **Task Force on Waste:** On May 9, at its first meeting, Rep. Hoekstra's new task force on government fraud, waste, and abuse will consider the audit of DOEd's financial statements.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Rural Smog:** EPA has released its latest atmospheric air quality trends report, showing that overall air quality nationwide continues to improve, although ground-level ozone (smog), the nation's most pervasive pollutant, is on the rise in certain parts of the country, including many rural areas. This annual air quality report, which looks at trends over ten years, shows a number of improvements from 1989 through 1998, and smog was reduced 4 percent. Although national trends have improved over ten years, air quality in some rural areas has worsened, especially in the East. Smog concentrations, for example, increased at 17 of 24 National Park Service monitoring sites.
- **Preliminary Risk Assessment for Malathion:** On May 11, EPA will publish a notice announcing the availability of the preliminary risk assessment for the organophosphate insecticide malathion for public comment. Publication of this risk assessment is being undertaken under the Food Quality Protection Act to ensure pesticides meet more stringent health and safety standards. The risk assessment shows that the risks from the use of malathion, including use in mosquito control and cotton programs, are within acceptable limits. However, there are several limited use scenarios where the risk may need to be addressed. Release of the malathion risk assessment could generate media and other interest given the use of malathion last year in the New York City mosquito control program related to the West Nile virus.

UNITED NATIONS

- **UN Fifth Committee:** The Fifth committee session commences May 8 and the discussion on peacekeeping scale reform will begin on May 16. Ambassador Holbrooke will make a statement at the May 16 session and USUN is looking forward to a solid show of support for a discussion on peacekeeping from other Member States.
- **Sierra Leone:** The Security Council is considering responses to the rapidly deteriorating situation in Sierra Leone. Forces belonging to the Revolutionary United Front are responsible for the deaths of up to seven UN peacekeepers participating in the United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone. The UN estimates that approximately 50 other UN and international personnel are currently being detained. Secretary-General Annan and the Council, in strongly worded statements, have called on the RUF leadership to release immediately all detainees and cooperate with the UN and other actors in Sierra Leone. The Council is considering other ways to support UNAMSIL in the execution of its mission.

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** On May 10, High Representative Wolfgang Petritsch will brief the Council in the last scheduled Council discussion of Bosnia until the end of mandate review for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, scheduled for mid-June.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Africa/CBI:** On May 4, the House of Representatives passed the Africa-Caribbean Basin Enhancement Initiative trade bill. The legislation provides greater duty-free access to U.S. markets for more than 70 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America. Ambassador Barshefsky conducted a round of press calls to highlight the import of this historic legislation on America's trade relationship with the developing world.
- **Announcement of Trade Policy Priorities:** On May 1, Ambassador Barshefsky set forth the Administration's trade expansion priorities for the year 2000, announced seven enforcement actions to be taken at the WTO, and reiterated the Administration's position on health-related Intellectual Property Rights in developing nations, including access to medicines in countries devastated by HIV/AIDS. This announcement was made in the context of today's release of three annual reports to Congress, known as Super 301, Special 301, and Title VII.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **Trip to Richmond, VA:** On May 12, Director McCaffrey will travel to Richmond, VA to appear with Virginia Attorney General Mark Earley at a press conference recognizing the value of mentoring in reducing juvenile crime and substance abuse. The event will kick-off "Up 2 Us", a joint venture between the Boys and Girls Clubs and Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Richmond to provide on-site mentoring for at-risk youth.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Small Business Week:** From May 23-26, SBA will hold its annual Small Business Week celebration at the International Trade Center. Small Business Week activities include an opening ceremony with the DC Mayor and other VIPs; a New Markets Lending Awards Breakfast to honor innovative lenders; and a Millennium of Success Forum, a three-session dialogue highlighting innovative ideas from America's leading business people. These interactive forums will be simultaneously broadcast by satellite and webcast for audiences around the country. Dialogues will focus on small businesses and the global economy, including WTO and trade with China, as well as showcasing young entrepreneurs.

- **Earth Day:** On April 29, at the invitation of the Milwaukee Earth Day Committee, SBA conducted a workshop to assist business people with identifying, starting, and maintaining an environmental business.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- **Child Care Subsidy Program:** GSA is launching a pilot program to help lower-income families pay for child care. In response to new public law, GSA has taken the lead in offering a child care subsidy to GSA employees. This is a special FY2000 program and may not be extended beyond September. The subsidy is based on total family income and the amount paid for child care. Under the plan, the employee is responsible for a family portion of the total child care costs, and GSA will pay the difference, directly to the eligible provider, up to the level equal to the highest GSA-sponsored child care center in the region.
- **WH Conference on Teenagers:** On May 2, GSA opened its auditorium to the general public to watch a downlink of the WH Conference on Teenagers. About 300 people from the DC area attend the event including 50 teens. After the satellite program several speakers from the DC community discussed programs in the DC area that affect teens. GSA regional offices also showed the satellite program.
- **Historic Preservation Week:** On May 11 GSA, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will host a kick-off event for National Historic Preservation Week entitled Taking America's Past into the Future. During the week-long celebration, regional events are planned in all fifty states to instill national and community pride in America's heritage and her historic places. The kick-off event is being coordinated by GSA.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Retirement Research Consortium Conference:** On May 17-18, SSA will host the second annual Retirement Research Consortium conference, The Outlook for Retirement Income, in Washington, DC. The conference will bring together many of the leading researchers in retirement policy whose research has been funded by SSA through the Retirement Research Consortium. Conference sessions will cover a broad range of topics including the future of pension systems, how women will fare in retirement, the progressivity of Social Security benefits, the future of pension systems, the importance of retirement savings, and the impact of spouses in the decision to retire.

- **Earnings Test:** On April 27, nearly 427,000 payments (worth about \$1.4B) were issued to beneficiaries affected by repeal of the Social Security retirement earnings test at normal retirement age. These retroactive payments (for January through April 2000) were made to individuals on the Social Security rolls whose benefits had been fully or partially suspended because of work and who attained age 65 since January.

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CABINET COMMENCEMENTS FOR SPRING 2000

Secretary Albright - University of California, Berkeley, CA - 5/10
Secretary Summers - Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA - 5/21
Attorney General Reno - Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC - 5/13
 Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV - 5/13
 Northwestern University School of Law, Evanston, IL - 5/14
 Pace University School of Law, New York, NY - 5/21
Secretary Glickman - Georgetown University School of Public Policy, Washington, DC - 5/26
 Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA - 7/28
Secretary Daley - Washington University School of Business, St. Louis, MO - 5/19
 DePaul University College of Commerce, Chicago, IL - 6/11
Secretary Herman - Albany State University, Albany, GA - 5/6
 Howard University Law School, Washington, DC - 5/13
 Marymount University, Arlington, VA - 5/14
 Chicago State University, Chicago, IL - 6/2
 Ross Elementary School, Washington, DC - 6/14
Secretary Shalala - New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY - 5/11
 University of Louisville, Louisville, KY - 5/14
 North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC - 5/20
 Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, PA - 6/4
Secretary Slater - Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI - 4/30 (attending)
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Albany, NY - 5/13
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT - 5/17 (attending)
 Meharry College, Nashville, TN - 5/20
Secretary Richardson - Queens College, Queens, NY - 5/19
Drew University, Madison, NJ - 5/20
 Boston University Law School, Boston, MA - 5/21
Secretary Riley - Mercer University, Macon, GA - 5/7
 St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, MD - 5/13
 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY - 5/19
 Boston College, Boston, MA - 5/22
Secretary West - Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA - 5/21
Administrator Browner - Duke University's Nicholas School of Environment, Durham, NC - 5/13
Ambassador Holbrooke - Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI - 5/19
 Trinity College, Hartford, CT - 5/21
 Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY - 6/11
Ambassador Barshefsky - University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN - 5/13
 Hood College, Frederick, MD - 5/20
Director McCaffrey - Scotland School, Scotland, PA - 6/3

Director Witt -

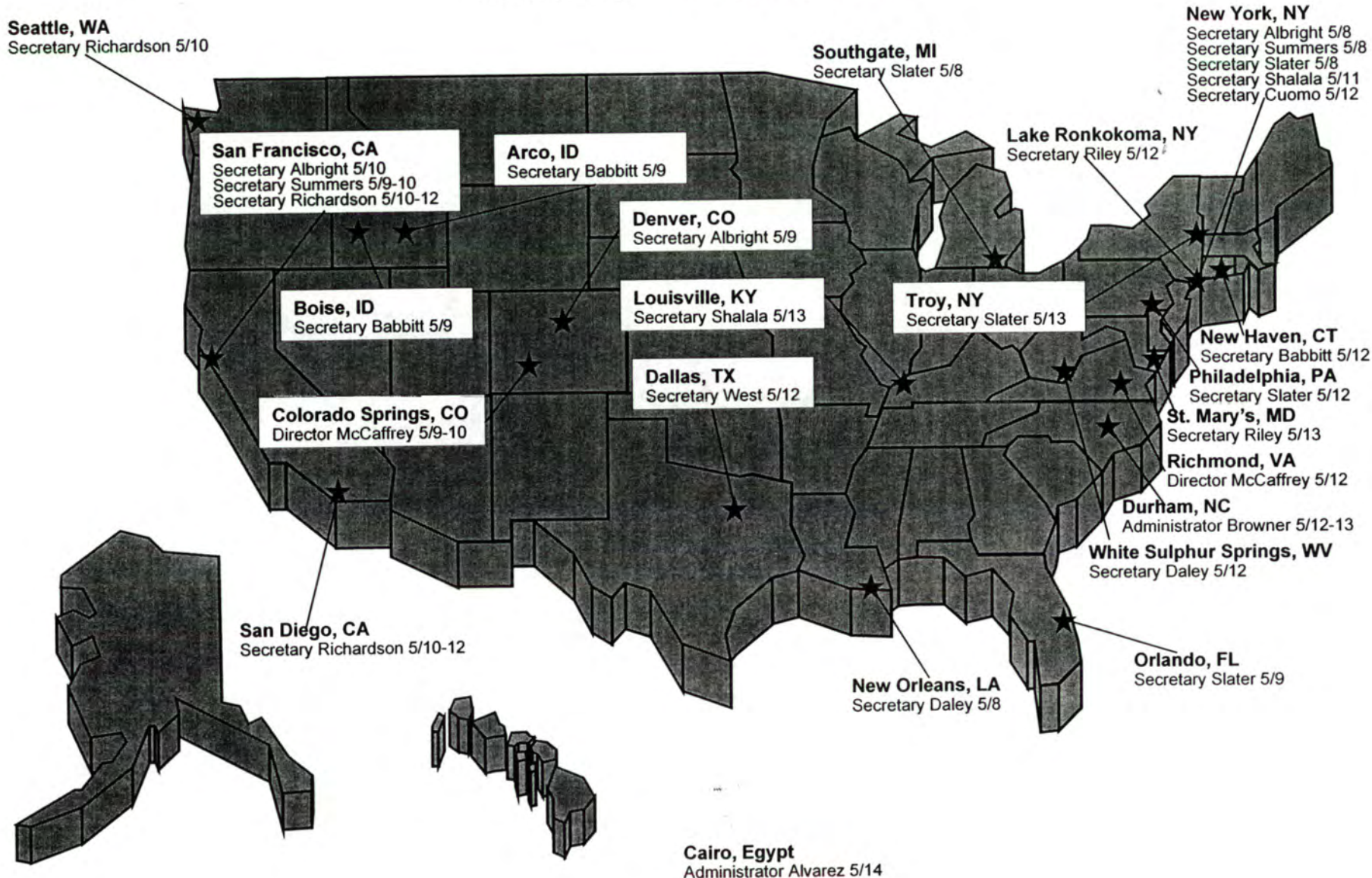
Atkins High School, Atkins, AR – 5/12
University of North Carolina School of Public Health,
Chapel Hill, NC – 5/21

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Cabinet Travel

Monday, May 8 - Sunday, May 14, 2000



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5-12-00

MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2000

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TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: LORETTA UCELLI
STEPHANIE CUTTER

RE: Communications Weekly Report

OVERVIEW:

This week, we pushed out a strong message that you continue to take action on the issues important to the American people. The School Reform Tour demonstrated your continued commitment to reforming education for America's children by highlighting the success of your education agenda in improving the state of our nation's schools. Your first "webside chat" underscored the powerful role of technology in the classroom. At the White House Conference on Teenagers, you and the First Lady conveyed this Administration's commitment to helping teens and parents by providing them with tools and information they need to support the positive development of America's youth. Next week, we will demonstrate your leadership in calling on Congress to take action on gun control, patients' bill of rights, and on passing a prescription drugs benefit that benefits all seniors.

MILLION MOM MARCH:

On May 14, Mothers Day, thousands of mothers, joined by other supporters of reducing gun violence in America will come together across the nation to demonstrate their united support for getting guns off the streets and out of the hands of criminals and children. You have now been invited to speak at the march or at the morning interfaith service. We are working with the Scheduling, Advance, Press and Policy offices to make a recommendation on an appropriate role that doesn't interfere with the organizer's goals and march activities. In addition, on Monday you will meet with key organizers of the Million Mom March, some of whom have lost loved ones to gun violence and can speak firsthand to the devastating effects of gun violence on American communities. In addition to giving you the opportunity to learn about the goals of the organizers, this meeting will allow us to play into the momentum that will be building next week in anticipation of the march, and demonstrate that the American people are aligned with you in urging Congress to take action to pass common sense gun safety legislation.

CHINA PNTR:

In preparation for the Congressional vote on China PNTR, scheduled for May 24, we are planning several message events to both demonstrate and continue building widespread support throughout the nation. On Tuesday, May 9, at an East Room event, you will be joined by distinguished Americans – including President Jimmy Carter and President Gerald Ford – to highlight the monumental importance of this

legislation in keeping America competitive and strong, and demonstrate the widespread support of China PNTR among former leaders, diplomats, trade experts, academics and others. On Friday, you will travel to America's heartland to speak with farmers and with employees at a small manufacturing plant about the benefits of China PNTR to these specific sectors. We are working on the specific locations.

OTHER MESSAGE EVENTS:

Wednesday, May 10 – Prescription Drug Event:

We are working with the Press Office, Scheduling and DPC to plan an event with Democratic Members of Congress to demonstrate Democratic unity for a voluntary, affordable prescription drug benefit that will help seniors who are struggling to meet the high costs of prescription drugs. Senator Daschle will unveil the Senate Democrats' legislation, and Congressman Gephardt will announce agreement among House Democrats on legislation that is in line with your proposal for a prescription drug coverage benefit. We expect the prescription drug issue to gain significant momentum over the next week. This Sunday, NBC is releasing a poll detailing that prescription drugs is the number one issue Americans care about, and on Tuesday the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare will release a poll that shows widespread support among the American people for your prescription drug proposal. These announcements will demonstrate that the American people stand behind a voluntary, affordable prescription drug benefit, and that Democrats are unified and ready to take action on a new benefit.

Wednesday, May 10 – National Delta Conference:

We are working with the Chief of Staff's Office, the Press Office, OMB, and the agencies to ensure extensive regional media coverage of the Delta Conference. We are pushing out the message that under your leadership, the Delta has benefited from the strong economy and federal investments, but more needs to be done to ensure that all Americans participate in the nation's unprecedented prosperity. At the conference, Secretary Slater will present you with a report that outlines the progress made under your leadership over the last 7 ½ years, and identifies areas in need for continued investments in the region. You will announce a series of new deliverables to improve infrastructure and build strong communities, and call on Congress to approve your budget of \$159 million to increase economic opportunities in the Delta. The Vice President will be participating in a town hall meeting that morning at the Conference and will announce a series of economic development commitments to revitalize local economies.

Thursday, May 11 – Equal Pay Event

We are working with the Press Office, DPC and Legislative Affairs to plan an event on Capitol Hill to acknowledge Equal Pay Day and the need to close the wage gap that continues to exist, even in the high-tech new economy. Joined by female Members of Congress and women who have suffered wage discrimination, you will unveil a CEA report detailing the wage gap in high-tech industries, and announce a new EEOC training program and task force to identify and address wage discrimination. This event will demonstrate your continued commitment and leadership in ensuring equality for all Americans.

Thursday, May 11 (T) – Meeting with Patients Bill of Rights Conferees:

To jumpstart the conference and to demonstrate your leadership in taking action for the American people, you will hold a meeting with the Democratic and Republican conferees for the Patient's Bill of Rights.

Friday, May 12 – Teacher of the Year:

At a ceremony in the Rose Garden, you will recognize the National Teacher of the Year for his or her commitment to promoting excellence in education. We are working with the Press Office, DPC and others to plan a message strategy for this event to convey your leadership and commitment to supporting teachers and providing all children with a quality education. The National Teacher of the Year is chosen

from among the State Teachers of the Year by a national selection committee representing the major national education organizations.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

Moment of Remembrance:

We are working with the Chief of Staff's Office, the Millennium Council, the Press Office and others to develop a communications plan to raise awareness of the upcoming Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day, 2000 at 3:00pm. The Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause and honor those who died in the line of service to the United States. We are working to enlist all potential outreach vehicles to convey the significance to all Americans of this new national tradition. We have created fact sheets and talking points for wide distribution, and are working with the Press Office to reach out to news media to help publicize this important event and to encourage news coverage of specific events.

Budget:

We are working with NEC, OMB, Cabinet Affairs, the Press Office and others on a long-term budget strategy. We have distributed talking points that communicate that the Republican Budget requires deep reductions in key priorities, fails to add a single day to the life of Medicare or Social Security, and threatens our continued economic prosperity with risky tax cuts. We are mobilizing cabinet to brief national and regional constituency groups, and their national and regional press corps on the devastating effects the Republican Budget would have on various programs – including education, Head Start, national security and the environment. We are also mobilizing key White House officials to convey the detrimental effects of the Republican Budget on our nation's prosperity.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 5, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~4~~PRESIDENT

FROM: CHUCK BRAIN *May 5, 2000 CB*
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

House of Representatives

Floor Activity

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House passed several measures under suspension of the rules, including, (421-3) H.R. 4055, the IDEA Full Funding Act, and a resolution recognizing the federal workforce for successfully preparing for Y2K. In addition, the House took the following action on bills subject to a rule:

Africa/CBI:

In a significant victory for the Administration and by a strong vote of 309-110, the House passed H.R. 434, the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act Conference Report. We expect the same level of bipartisan support in the Senate next week. Only four Democrats who have supported Africa/CBI in the past opposed this bill. (A provision sponsored by Senators Feinstein (D-CA) and Feingold (D-WI) dealing with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa was not included in the Conference Report. We are supportive of the Feinstein provision and are working with the Senator to resolve her issues.)

Water Quality: By a vote of 418-6, the House passed H.R. 2957, the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Act of 1999, which authorizes funding for water quality restoration projects for Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Louisiana.

~~4~~ **Florida Keys:** By a vote of 411-7, the House passed H.R. 673, the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act, which authorizes the EPA Administrator to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority to improve water quality.

Alternative Water Sources: By a vote of 416-5, the House passed H.R. 1106, the Alternative Water Sources Act, which authorizes the EPA Administrator to make grants for the development of alternative water sources.

Week Ahead

The House will convene on Monday at 2:00 pm for legislative business with votes expected after 6:00 pm. In addition to a number of suspension bills, the House is scheduled to consider:

H.R. 3709, Internet Nondiscrimination Act: This bill, reported by the House Judiciary Committee, would amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the current moratorium on

Internet-specific taxes (e.g. access fees) for five years. It also eliminates the current grandfather which allows the ten states that have taxes in place to continue them. Your Administration is concerned that a five-year moratorium may be too long, but it may be difficult to get broad political support for anything less than a five-year moratorium.

Very important to our will to get some

H.R. 701, Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999: This bill, CARA, is the House Resources version of your Lands Legacy Initiative, though it is much more expensive--almost \$3 billion. We have worked with the committee to change objectionable language that takes the funding "off-budget" like social security. Instead it will be a mandatory-spending program, which creates a PAY-GO problem. (Your budget includes \$1.4 billion in discretionary spending implemented through a specially crafted "cap and fence" mechanism.) In your recent meeting with Chairman Young (R-AK) and Ranking Member Miller (D-CA) and others, you urged them to move the process forward by getting a bill out of the House. With over 300 cosponsors, the bill should pass the House by a wide margin, building momentum for action in the Senate or in an appropriations end game.

H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999: H.R. 853 would amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 in many ways. Your Administration has serious concerns about several provisions, including: effective repeal of the pay-as-you-go rules, and establishment of an automatic continuing resolution. However, the House may strip many provisions from the bill and use it as a vehicle for biennial legislation. If language calling for a mandatory CR is included, we will likely recommend a veto of the legislation.

House Notes

Prescription Drugs: House Democrats continue to work to come to closure on a prescription drugs bill before their event with you next Wednesday. Although their plan will include your Administration's proposal, the caucus is split on how to address issues of price controls and price discrimination. Representatives Dingell (D-MI) and Waxman (D-CA) prefer to have GAO do a study and possibly a Kennedy-Kassebaum mechanism to have HHS promulgate regulations if Congress does not take action by a date certain. Others believe that the grassroots political potency of the cost issue will overcome any political downsides associated with charges of "price controls" from the drug companies.

United States Senate

Floor Activity

Nuclear Waste: On Tuesday, the Senate failed (64-35) to override your veto of S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000 (Yucca). However, Senator Lott (R-MS) switched his vote, voted against the override, and made a motion to reconsider, preserving the right to have another override vote. It is likely that industry will continue to push for another override vote this year. Speaker Hastert (R-IL) is working hard in the House to get Republicans who opposed the bill to support an override effort.

ESEA: The Senate began consideration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization (S. 2) and floor debate on the bill, which was reported out of committee on party lines, continues to be partisan, though moderate Democrats, led by Senator Lieberman (D-CT) are pushing for their own alternative bill. While they did ultimately support the Democratic

alternative, we hear they plan to work with Senators Gorton (R-WA), Collins (R-ME), and Gregg (R-NH) on a bipartisan alternative over the weekend. Because issues of class size, portability, and straight A's are sticking points, it is unlikely they can reach agreement. But if they do, it is not expected they will get a majority to vote for their amendment.

On Wednesday, the Senate unanimously passed (98-0) a Gorton amendment that, in part, is intended to prevent Straight A's funds from being used for vouchers. The Senate then voted along party lines rejecting (45-54) the Democratic alternative offered by Senator Daschle (D-SD). On Thursday, the Senate rejected (43-54) a Kennedy (D-MA) amendment to help retain teachers in low-income areas and gain advanced degrees in the subject areas they teach. The Abraham (R-MI)/Mack (R-FL) amendment to authorize \$2 billion for merit pay increases, teacher testing and professional development passed (54-42). Finally, the Senate rejected (44-53) a Murray (D-WA) amendment regarding class size.

Week Ahead

The Senate will convene on Monday at 1:00 pm with the first vote scheduled for Tuesday.

ESEA: On Monday at 1:00 pm, the Senate will go back to ESEA. At 3:00 pm, Senator Lott (R-MS) will offer his amendment regarding teacher quality. On Tuesday, Senator Lieberman will offer his substitute to the underlying bill.

H-1B Visa: The Senate may take up S. 2045, the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act, a bill sponsored by Senators Hatch (R-UT) and Abraham (R-MI). This bill would raise the cap on H1-B temporary visas to 195,000/year and would exempt from the cap temporary immigrants with a masters or Ph.D. degree (this means that perhaps as many as 300,000 temporary immigrants would be admitted each year under the H-1B program). The bill passed the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 16-2, with only Senators Kennedy (D-MA) and Feingold (D-WI) opposing. Due to the overwhelming support in both parties for the bill, it is unlikely that Senator Kennedy will offer a full Democratic alternative as he did in committee. Rather, he will likely offer targeted amendments that focus on worker training that would remove the exemption for masters and Ph.D. H-1Bs. In addition, Senators Kennedy and Durbin (D-IL) are contemplating offering other immigration amendments that are supported by the Administration, such as the Parity bill, the Late Amnesty bill, and the Section 245(i) bill.

cc: The Vice President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MAY 5, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARY BETH CAHILL
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT (April 29 to May 5)

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(for reply)I. ACTIONS SUPPORTING PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:*CHINA PNTR*

OPL Holds China PNTR Briefing for Agriculture Community. On Thursday, OPL held a briefing for members of the agriculture community with Sec. Glickman, USTR, and White House Legislative Affairs. The briefing was positive, with discussion ranging from Glickman's recent trip leading the co-del to China to an update of where the legislation stands on Capitol Hill. After the briefing, a number of agriculture representatives went to a WW Press Stake-out to announce their strong support for passage of PNTR for China.

Business Community to Air Ads Promoting PNTR. Buoyed by the passage of Africa/CBI and several announcements of support by both Democrat and Republican House members, next week the business community will unleash a new set of radio and television advertisements promoting PNTR. They also plan to increase their presence on the Hill. The Business Roundtable is orchestrating a CEO fly-in following Tuesday's event with the former presidents and Chambers of Commerce representing Los Angeles, Florida, Kansas City, and New England, who are coming to the White House for briefings on China PNTR before a series of meetings on the Hill. The White House will also participate in briefings for various trade associations, including ACLI and TechNet.

NEW MARKETS

Impact on Business Leaders Continues to Move New Markets Agenda. Since its participation in the first New Markets tour, the Entergy Corporation has been a leader in pushing for the New Markets Initiative. This week, Entergy CEO Wayne Leonard met with Speaker Hastert in New Orleans for about an hour. Various officers talked about the three major issues of bottom-line interest to Entergy: Nuclear waste and power; PUHCA, and electric restructuring. Reportedly, Leonard then pulled out his charts on poverty in the Delta and told the Speaker, in effect, that while other issues were important, his real priority this year was to pass New Markets Initiatives. Leonard is also the Chair of the Delta BusinessLINC coalition.

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Podesta Meets with Steering Committee of the Patients' Bill of Rights Coalition. Coalition members are grateful for your consistent effort to keep the issue of patients' rights before the American public. Congressional delays, media attention to prescription drugs, and the groups' limited financial resources, however, are making it difficult to keep the coalition memberships energized. Coalition leaders believe your meeting with the conferees, scheduled for Monday prior to the Cardinal's death, is key to achieving passage of the legislation.

EDUCATION TOUR

Religious Groups Support Charter School Directive. Before your Thursday remarks, OPL and DPC hosted a conference call to inform religious organizations about our intention to work on guidelines for the involvement of faith-based organizations with charter schools. Feedback from your speech was positive and church-state separation advocates were pleased with the cautionary approach you took. We will be working with DoED to involve advocacy groups in the drafting of the guidelines.

OPL Hosts Conference Call with Education Groups on President's Education Reform Tour. Approximately 15 education groups participated in a conference call led by OPL and DPC. The groups were excited about the emphasis on school construction, teacher quality, and improving failing schools. They expressed keen interest in working with the Department of Education on the implementation of the Executive Order to Improve Low-Performing Schools.

VIEQUES

OPL Hosts Vieques Conference Call with Religious Groups. Maria Echaveste and Jeff Farrow spoke with Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic, and Evangelical Lutheran leaders regarding the protests and the referendum and agreement, emphasizing the key role of Congress in approving the \$40 million funding. The groups are hopeful that you will ensure that a date for the referendum is set during this calendar year. They reported later that Vieques religious leaders had a productive meeting with Admiral Green.

AFRICA TRADE/CBI

OPL Hosts Conference Call on Africa Trade Bill and Caribbean Base Initiative. In anticipation of Thursday's vote on Africa Trade, OPL hosted a conference call with key leaders and advocates from the African American, Latino, Religious, and Business Communities on the Administration's commitment and support for the Africa Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative. USTR, NEC, and Legislative Affairs outlined the latest events, what the conferees had agreed upon, and how we anticipate the vote would turn out. The groups are grateful for Administration's efforts, including your statement last weekend, and are now pleased with House passage of the legislation.

II. CONSTITUENT OUTREACH AND OTHER ISSUES:

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OUTREACH

OPL Conducts Outreach Activities on Announcement of Asian American and Pacific Islander Advisory Commission. This included conference calls to key Asian Pacific American organizations and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus prior to the announcement, and a conference call with Asian Pacific American press on the day of the announcement. Response from the Asian Pacific American Community was very positive; most were pleased that the membership of the Commission represented the diversity of the APA community.

BUSINESS OUTREACH

Remarks to Young Presidents Organization (YPO) and Independent Insurance Agents of America Well Received (IIAA). The YPO and WPO leadership appreciated your Monday remarks, especially the time you took to participate in an informal question and answer session. John Podesta and Charlene Barshefsky spoke before you, outlining the Administration's economic, domestic policy, and trade agendas. Your Tuesday remarks to 900 IIAA members were also very successful. Your comments on China PNTR were picked up by the media as part of the Administration's full engagement on the upcoming China vote.

DISABILITY OUTREACH

Disability Community Rallies Behind MiCASSA Legislation. Over 60 national, 190 state-wide, and 260 local disability (and some non-disability) organizations have pledged their support for the Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Supports Act of 1999 (MiCASSA). The legislation, introduced by Sen. Harkin last November, would increase the availability of home and community-based services under Medicaid. On Wednesday, Sens. Harkin and Specter hosted a Hill press conference and rally as a legislative campaign kick-off, with advocates from across the country joining by teleconference as well as in person. Although passage is not expected this year (an earlier version of the bill would cost an estimated \$20 billion per year; Specter is the only co-sponsor), advocates are trying to use the election year as an opportunity to gain momentum. HHS and HCFA have been in discussions with Hill staff.

ETHNIC OUTREACH

OPL Begins Outreach in Preparation of Upcoming Trip to Europe. In the first of a series of meetings to promote the goals of your trip to Europe, OPL hosted key ethnic leaders from the Central and East European Coalition for a briefing with NSC. Mark Medish described your upcoming visit with Prime Minister Putin as critical engagement of the new leader at a time when many of his priorities are still unclear. Medish emphasized that while the Administration views Putin's election as an opportunity to advance mutual goals, we will not abandon expectations to improve respect for human rights in Chechnya, increase international cooperation, and commit to continued democratic and economic reform. With reference to Ukraine, Medish pointed to the Administration's goal of encouraging President Kuchma to

renew his efforts on behalf of reform and integration with the west. Tony Blinken closed by reiterating the Administration's commitment to furthering the process of NATO enlargement.

GAY/LESBIAN OUTREACH

Millennium March on Washington Attendees Cheer Enthusiastically for the Clinton-Gore Administration. Getting out the vote in 2000 was the main message of the March, and your video was well received by hundreds of thousands of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender persons attending. Over 40,000 attended the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Rocks Concert at RFK Stadium, where Tipper Gore made a guest appearance on the drums.

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

Women's Office Hosts Reception and Briefing for National Breast Cancer Coalition. John Podesta and Melanne Verveer were among the speakers. The organization expressed deep gratitude for the Administration's commitment and support for life-saving research.

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May 5, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT

FROM: Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr. *KHM*

SUBJECT: Special Envoy for the Americas Weekly Report

Council of the Americas: The reaction to your speech to the Council of the Americas was very positive. Jacobo Goldstein, a veteran journalist at the White House who reports on CNN en Español and whose column appears in 20 newspapers throughout Latin America, said that yours was the best speech you have ever given on the Americas. His remarks were echoed by a number of individuals at the conference and by phone calls we received in my office. Your remarks on including the north-south perspective in our foreign policy were especially well received.

CBI: After the House's decisive CBI vote, I spoke with Reps. Rangel, Crane, and Becerra, to thank them for their leadership, and other members of Congress to thank them for their support. We spent most of the morning contacting Democrats asking for their support. Several industry representatives have called to congratulate us on passage and have said that the Administration run process on this legislation has been the best they have experienced to date. We also spoke with several CBI Ambassadors who expressed their thanks and appreciation.

World Economic Forum: I will be travelling to Rio de Janeiro next week to participate in the World Economic Forum Mercosur Summit. While there I will be meeting with Vice President Quiroga of Bolivia, Luiz Lampreia, Minister of Foreign Relations of Brazil, and Marta Lucia Ramirez, Minister of Foreign Trade of Colombia, among others. I will also be speaking on the concept of globalization post Seattle.

Colombia: Members of my staff met with representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce of Colombia. The Colombians expressed their continued concern about the lack of action by the Senate on the Colombian supplemental appropriations request and the impact on Colombia and the Pastrana government. In addition they articulated their hope that CBI could be expanded in the future to include Colombia and that the Andean Trade Preferences Act could be renewed prior to the 2001 expiration date.

Ecuador: Members of my staff also met with representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce of Ecuador. The chamber members are concerned about continued social unrest in Ecuador and wanted to encourage the USG to continue to monitor the situation closely. They also expressed their concern about the cutback of subsidies during the same time frame as reforms are being put into place and were interested in finding creative ways of dealing with this problem.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN JOHNSON

SUBJECT: OFFICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE FOR ONE AMERICA
WEEKLY REPORTACTIVITIES**BISHOP MELVIN CLARK'S ANNIVERSARY**

I represented you by reading remarks from you at Bishop Melvin Clark's 40th anniversary celebration in Pittsburgh. While there, I met with the mother of the African American karate student who was gunned down last week by the hate criminal. He and his family belonged to the Bishop's Church in the Round. I also arranged for a letter from you to be sent to the next of kin of all the victims. One of the letters was published in Pittsburgh newspapers on Wednesday.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH**

We hosted a meeting attended by Neal Lane and representatives of a Los Angeles minority technology school. This was a follow-up to our corporate event, and an attempt to match corporate science and technology support to grassroots efforts already underway.

SENTENCING DISPARITIES

The Washington Post Article on sentencing disparities is generating a number of phone calls to this office. People are calling to inquire about the policy ramifications of most white youth being tried in the state courts for crack cocaine possession, while black and brown youth are being charged for the same offense in the federal courts. They are crying foul because the federal courts require mandatory sentences while most state courts do not. They are complaining that blacks and Hispanics are losing their right to vote in a discriminatory manner, and are questioning what the White House is doing to bring about fairness.

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CABINET RACE INITIATIVE WEEKLY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Hispanic Leadership Summit: On May 4, Secretary Glickman was joined by Deputy Director of OPM Sepulveda and senior USDA officials in opening USDA's first-ever Hispanic Leadership Summit. The summit will bring the leaders of 15 national Hispanic organizations to a day-long symposium at USDA to discuss ways of improving the representation of Hispanics in the USDA workforce; learn more about the Hispanic organizations and the services they provide; explain USDA's mission, culture, organization, and occupations; and to discuss and obtain feedback on USDA's initiatives and commitments.

USDA Holds Listening Sessions for Native Americans: On April 25, USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly, and staff from USDA's Risk Management Agency, Washington State Farm Service Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service held a listening session on USDA programs and reform in Ellensburg, WA, for representatives from the twenty-eight Federally recognized American Indian Tribes located throughout the State, and members of the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) in Billings, MT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Strengthening Partnerships with Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs): CFO/ASA Linda Bilmes has entered into memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with four HSIs as part of the ongoing implementation of the Department's Hispanic Employment Plan. These MOUs will assist in expanding the applicant pool for junior-level positions at Commerce, and facilitate the exchange of scientists, educators, and other professionals in areas related to the Department's mission. The HSIs that have joined in this effort include: New Mexico State University, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, University of Texas at El Paso, and University of Texas at San Antonio. DOC anticipates signing a similar agreement with Florida International University by May 5.

Minorities In Science and Technology (MIST) Career Fair: On April 25-27, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) participated in the 9th Annual Minorities in Science and Technology Career Fair for Washington metro area junior and senior high school students. NIST representatives informed students about NIST careers and summer opportunities such as the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program, which awards fellowships to students each summer for 10 to 12 weeks of research in diverse areas of NIST's Physics, Materials Science and Engineering, and Manufacturing Engineering Laboratories. The program is designed to encourage female and minority science students to pursue advanced degrees in science and engineering.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

One America: On May 4, DOEEd will celebrate its 20th anniversary and second annual cultural fair. This year's theme is "United We Are One: Celebrating 20 Years at Education." The cultural fair is sponsored by the Race Initiative Working Group.

Department of Energy

Rebuild America-Weatherization Initiative: On May 25, at the Grand Canyon in Arizona, the Havasupi Indians, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, and DOE's Rebuild America and Weatherization Assistance programs, are planning to announce a joint initiative to provide weatherization training to Havasupai housing staff. The initiative will weatherize homes, and demonstrate potential partnerships for more Weatherization and Rebuild programs on reservations. DOE has committed \$20,000 for weatherization and energy efficiency retrofit activities for the Tribe.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tribal Delegation Meeting: On May 9, the Indian Health Service (IHS) will meet with representatives of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe at the IHS Headquarters. They will discuss the Tribe's interest in contracting its health programs; constructing a new healthcare facility; and health issues such as the IHS' declining provision of health care services, the misdiagnoses of serious health conditions, and recent cancer deaths of five community members.

US/UK Collaboration on Minority Health Holds Symposium: On May 11-12, the UK will host a US/UK symposium on racial and ethnic minority health, in London. Dr. Nicole Lurie, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), has been invited to serve as keynote speaker at the symposium. The US/UK Collaboration began in 1997, when the US and UK signed a joint statement of intent to collaborate on improving minority health. The upcoming meeting will be devoted to sharing and disseminating information to the 200-300 attendees from the UK who are service providers, care managers, and health care professionals.

Opening of New Facility: On May 31, the Hopi Tribe, with the support of the Phoenix Area IHS, will open a newly constructed ambulatory health care facility in Phoenix, AZ. The facility will support a health care delivery program for a projected population of 8,009 and 70,162 outpatient visits annually. The new facility has an infirmary with four sub-acute care beds, a birthing center, and provides space to support a full range of ambulatory care services for the residents of the Keams Canyon service area. Dr. Michael Trujillo, Director, IHS, will attend the dedication ceremony.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD Begins Selling Homes to Local Governments for \$1 Each: The Department of Housing and Urban Development today began selling homes to local governments at a price of only \$1 each, to create housing for families in need and to help revitalize neighborhoods, Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced.

HUD New Hampshire State Office Partners with SAFE KIDS Campaign and Incorporates Fair Housing Month at Recent Home Show: To increase homeownership and to celebrate Fair Housing Month, eight members of the HUD New Hampshire State Office staffed a booth at the "2000 Greater Concord Home Show" on March 31st through April 2nd, 2000. The Expo featured 93 exhibitors, occupying 110 booths, with over 8,500 people in attendance for the weekend.

Throughout the Home Show weekend, the New Hampshire State Office provided a full working computer, demonstrating Internet access to the HUD Homepage. This allowed staff to promote HUD's web site with hands-on instruction, providing the public with on-the-spot research and program information. Information and pamphlets available at the booth included: Single Family Mortgage Insurance, 203(k) Loans, Fair Housing, Public Housing, Section 8, HUD-Owned Homes, Home Equity Conversion Mortgages, and the Teacher and Officer Next Door Programs. Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity posters and brochures were also part of the HUD display in recognition of April being "Fair Housing Month."

As part of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, New Hampshire HUD partnered with the New Hampshire SAFE KIDS coalition to provide visitors with information about unintentional childhood injuries in the home, and also firearm safety. In addition to HUD employees, on opening day the booth was also staffed by Elaine Frank, Program Director of Injury Prevention Center of Dartmouth Medical School, and Debra Samaha, Child Safety Technician from Concord Hospital. The Coalition provided a display of home safety devices, an overview of childhood injury prevention, and an array of other community resources.

The Sixth Native American Housing Summit in Portland, Oregon: On May 1-3, the Office of Native American Programs will be coordinating and conducting the Sixth Native American Housing Summit in Portland, Oregon. The site of this year's conference is the Oregon Convention Center, and more than 600 participants are registered. Invited are more than 580 federally recognized tribes and over 400 Tribal Designated Housing Entities, federal agency partners, lenders and other Indian housing industry experts. The annual event is recognized as the largest Indian housing conference in the nation. The opening keynote speaker is the Department of Housing and Urban Development's, General Counsel Gail Laster. A resource room with over 30 exhibits and vendors will be available with information for participants. Optional technical assistance sessions are scheduled on "How to Become a Lender" and

(will be covered by the weekly GSN (go to a link) Probation in Indian Country)

"Working with Your State Housing Finance Agency."

Department of Interior

Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Scoping Meetings: BOR recently held a series of public scoping meetings on a proposed water supply for the NM portion of the Navajo Nation south of the San Juan River, the Window Rock area within AZ, and the city of Gallup, NM. The proposed action would provide a long-term, high quality municipal and industrial water supply to improve the standard of living for current and future populations and to support economic growth of these areas.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Lawyers for One America: On Friday, May 5, Eric Holder spoke at the Georgia Diversity Program, as part of the Lawyers for One America effort.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

OFCCP Regulations/ Federal Register Publication: On May 4, DOL will publish in the Federal Register for public comment proposed revisions to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) regulations under Executive Order 11246, as amended. Executive Order 11246 requires that Federal Government contractors and subcontractors not discriminate in employment, and that they take affirmative action to ensure that employees and applicants are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The proposed rule primarily addresses the contents of affirmative action programs (AAP), which must be maintained by contractors with 50 or more employees and a contract of \$50,000 or more. Final adoption of the rule will reduce contractors' burdens in preparing the AAP, improve OFCCP's ability to monitor compliance, and increase opportunities for contractor self-audit and voluntary compliance.

Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP): On May 7-9, OSBP will participate in the National Indian Business Association's Eighth Annual Conference and Trade Show, "Native Americans In Technologies: The Future of Success." This event will focus on providing tribal and Indian enterprises access to entrepreneurial development, E-Commerce, and federal procurement opportunities. The NIBA Conference and Trade Show is a major event for Native American business development. It is expected that 300-500 Indian businesses will attend, providing DOL the opportunity to identify Indian businesses that meet the Department's procurement needs.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

New Markets: Asian Pacific American Outreach: Administrator Alvarez signed a partnership agreement with the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD) to increase outreach efforts and business opportunities for Asian American entrepreneurs. National CAPACD is a new umbrella

organization of smaller groups representing Americans from Asian and Pacific island nations. The CAPACD provides a vast array of services to Asian American, immigrant, refugee, minority and low-income populations, including housing and community development services. The partnership agreement commits SBA and each participant to combine their efforts to reach out to Asian Americans who may benefit from SBA's services, and to help more small firms succeed. Overall, the number of Asian American-owned businesses has skyrocketed by 180 percent from 1987 to 1997, to a total of 1.06 million businesses, nationally. The Asian American outreach effort is part of a broader initiative by Administrator Alvarez to reach New Markets, such as women, veterans and minorities, as well as businesses located in distressed rural and urban areas.

Department of Transportation

Secretary Slater Applauds Black Mayors for Leadership Promoting Seat Belt Use:

On April 28, Secretary Slater applauded the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM) for its "Mayor's Challenge to Buckle Up America," promoting seat belt use among all motorists, especially African Americans. Secretary Slater singled out NCBM President, Mayor Norwood of Pritchard, AL, and Dallas Mayor Kirk, who will lead the Mayor's Challenge, for their leadership roles in focusing attention on the importance of using seat belts and for instituting the Mayor's Challenge. During the convention, the NCBM presented Secretary Slater with its President's Award. The award recognizes Secretary Slater's contributions to advancing the NCBM's mission and goals and his leadership in saving lives by promoting seat belt use, especially among African Americans. These efforts support the President's Safety Belt Initiative, which seeks to achieve 85% seatbelt use nationwide by the end of 2000.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA To Present Forum at Federal Asian Pacific American Council Conference: For the first time, VA personnel will present a pre-conference forum at the Federal Asian Pacific American Council's (FAPAC) 15th Annual Congressional Seminar National Leadership Training Conference in Arlington, VA. VA's program will provide information on topics such as diversity in the workforce, training opportunities, Departmental policy issues on equal opportunity, and current trends on VA employment of Asian Pacific Americans. FAPAC is an interagency organization of Asian Pacific Americans employed by the Federal and District of Columbia Governments.



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To: Nancy Hernreich

Fax #: 202-456-67703

Re: Information on the status of the Clin

Date: 5/9/2000

Pages: [6 Pages (including cover sheet)].

Nancy:

It was good to briefly talk to you last night & let you know that we have started the process. Library Director, who will probably be hired and in consultation with the President. This person who oversees the establishment of the Clinic.

Project until there is a Library, and is the main government person in working with the architects and the designer. (Sharon and I have talked to you and Capricia, and others in the White House about this position before.) This is a GS-14 career civil servant position. We have kept Skip Rutherford briefed on the status of this issue and our plans right now are that once we have narrowed down the candidates we will let Skip know our candidate, or final candidates, and then Skip would brief either Bruce Lindsay or the President. The Vacancy Announcement gives you more information.

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It would be good, sometime when you have the time to have a meeting so that Sharon and I could brief you more fully on what's going on in terms of the Project, the move, etc. I realize how very busy you are so just let me know and I will be happy to change my schedule.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you,
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From the desk of...

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To: Nancy Hennreich

Fax #: 202-456-67703

Re: Information on the status of the Clinton Presidential Materials Project

Date: 5/9/2000

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Nancy:

It was good to briefly talk to you last night even if you were driving and shifting! I have been trying to let you know that we have started the process for hiring of the Clinton Project Director. This is not the Library Director, who will probably be hired at a point shortly before the Library facility is complete, and in consultation with the President. This is the National Archives and Record Administration person who oversees the establishment of the Clinton Project in Little Rock, supervises the running of the Project until there is a Library, and is the main government person in working with the architects and the designer. (Sharon and I have talked to you and Capricia, and others in the White House about this position before.) This is a GS -14 career civil servant position. We have kept Skip Rutherford briefed on the status of this issue and our plans right now are that once we have narrowed down the candidates we will let Skip know our candidate, or final candidates, and then Skip would brief either Bruce Lindsay or the President. The Vacancy Announcement gives you more information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 3, 2000

Site Selected for Temporary Storage of Clinton Records

College Park, MD. . . The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announced today the selection of the temporary site to house the records and other Presidential materials of the Clinton Administration. The site, which was formerly the Balch Motor Company, is located at 1000 LaHarpe Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, approximately 1 ½ miles from the site of the future Clinton Presidential Library. The lease for this facility was negotiated for NARA by the Greater Southwest Region of the General Service Administration. NARA will operate this approximately 42,000 square foot temporary facility until the permanent Clinton Presidential Library is ready for occupancy.

President Clinton's Presidential materials will be moved to this facility by the conclusion of his term in office. Preliminary processing of the approximately 67,000 cubic feet of records and artifacts will begin while the Clinton Library is being built. The records, audiovisual materials and artifacts will then be transferred to the Library for permanent retention.

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For press information, contact the National Archives Public Affairs staff at 301-713-6000.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

National Archives and Records Administration PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	CLOSING DATE
NLDP 00-19B	05-01-00	05-26-00

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is accepting applications under a Delegated Examining Authority for the following position. Civil service status is not required to apply. U.S. citizenship is required.

POSITION: Program Management Officer, GS-340-14

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: None

Status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and competitive procedures (Public Notice) must submit two (2) complete applications. When one (1) application is received, it will be considered under merit promotion announcement #NLDP 00-19.

SALARY RANGE: \$71,954 pa to \$93,537 pa (DC Metro area locality rate)
\$70,457 pa to \$91,589 pa (Little Rock, AR locality rate)

LOCATION: National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Presidential Libraries, Clinton Presidential Materials Project, 7th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
(Relocation expenses will NOT be paid.)

NOTE: Selectee will be required to relocate to Little Rock, AR in approximately October 2000. Relocation expenses will be paid at this time.)

NARA's MISSION: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), an independent Federal agency, is at the forefront in fields from document preservation to electronic records. Exciting developments in these fields, along with NARA's growing leadership in information technologies, make it a vital and interesting place to work. By ensuring ready access to essential evidence -- documentation from all three branches of the Federal Government of the rights and entitlements of citizens, the actions for which Federal officials are accountable, and the national experience -- NARA is uniquely important in a democratic system that depends upon the preservation and availability of such documentation.

At more than thirty sites across the country - regional archives and records services facilities, Presidential libraries, and three major buildings in the Washington, DC, area - NARA safeguards and makes available millions of records in a variety of media ranging from our Declaration of Independence and Constitution to a rapidly increasing number of modern electronic files. NARA each year welcomes to its exhibits nearly two million visitors and serves the needs of thousands of researchers. NARA assists Federal agencies in documenting their activities; publishes the Federal Register and other official documents; oversees Federal declassification policies; and makes grants supporting initiatives to document American history.

ABOUT US: The National Archives Building in Washington, DC at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW is located half way between the White House and the Capitol. It houses some of the oldest and most important records of the federal government for the study of American history. The building, designed by John Russell Pope and completed in 1934, is being partially renovated to replace the building systems and provide handicap access to the Charters of Freedom displayed in the building's Rotunda. Washington's Metro system has a stop across Pennsylvania Avenue for two of its lines that provide access to the entire system throughout the city and into the Maryland and Virginia suburbs. The National Mall with its many museums is adjacent to the south side of the building, and to the north are the Folger Shakespeare Theater and the new MCI sports center. The neighborhood between is the District of Columbia's revitalized Pennsylvania Avenue quarter full of new restaurants, art galleries, and book stores. and mission objectives.

DUTIES: Serves as Project Director for the Clinton Presidential Materials Project. As Project Director, under the general guidance of the Office of Presidential Libraries, works with appropriate NARA offices, the Clinton Presidential Foundation, the University of Arkansas, the appointed architect and designer, and others to create and establish the Clinton Presidential Library. Plans and directs the programs and activities of the Project which contain the papers and/or official records of the Presidency. Maintains close working relations with the privately endowed support organization and/or closely related organizations to secure advice, counsel, and support in developing the facilities, programs, and services of the future Clinton Presidential Library. Maintains liaison and develops cooperative working relationships with academic community and conducts extensive public relations activities in support of the future library. Directs and coordinates the formulation and execution of solicitation plans for the expansion and growth of the Project/Library's collections of personal papers, oral histories, and audiovisual materials. Responsible for providing leadership, policy development, program accountability, budget formulation, and strategic planning for the Project in context with NARA's overall strategic plans and annual operating plans and budget. Begins planning for the development of public and educational programs for the future Library. Directs the full range of archival, museum, and information-related services to provide for the future accessibility and preservation of the historical materials at the Library.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: 1 year of specialized experience at least equivalent to the GS-13 level.

Specialized Experience is experience which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position and which is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled (i.e., archival, historical, museum, cultural, or similar field).

Selective Placement Factor. Consideration will be limited to those applicants whose applications show evidence of planning and directing a variety of complex programs and projects within a historical, cultural, philanthropic and/or educational institution with diverse programs and constituents.

BASIS OF RATING: On a separate sheet of paper, describe how your qualifications meet each of the following knowledges, skills, and abilities

(KSAO's). As credit may be given for experience, education, awards, training, appraisals, self-development activities, etc., carefully describe each as it relates to the position to be filled. All basically eligible candidates will be evaluated on this criteria. Eligible ratings range from 70 to 100. Please limit responses to one page per KSAO.)

1. Demonstrated ability to plan and direct a variety of complex programs and projects within a historical, cultural, philanthropic, and/or educational institution with diverse programs and constituents. (Planning and organizing) (Selective Factor)

2. Demonstrated knowledge of historical, political, and economic factors that affect the programs and mission of the Presidential Library.

3. Demonstrated ability to effectively present ideas and guide an organization, group, or individuals toward the accomplishment of goals.

4. Demonstrated ability to build public-private partnerships or other coalitions and partnerships to advance the programs and mission of an institution.

HOW TO APPLY: You may apply on

- Optional Form 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment,
- Resume, or
- Any other written format. (Standard Form 171 is obsolete but is acceptable.)
- Your application must include:

Job Information

- Announcement number and position title and grade(s)

Personal Information

- Full name and social security number
- Mailing address and day and evening telephone numbers
- Country of citizenship (U.S. citizenship is required)
- Veterans' preference
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (also include job series and dates at that grade)

Work Experience For each period of paid and unpaid work experience related to the job you are applying for, provide:

- Job title (include series and grade for Federal jobs)
- Duties and accomplishments
- Employer's name and address
- Supervisor's name and telephone number
- Starting and ending dates (month/year)
- Hours per week
- Salary
- Indicate if we may contact your supervisor

Education

- High School (name and address, date of diploma or GED)
- Colleges or universities (name and address, majors, type and year of degree - if no degree, show total credits earned and whether semester or quarter hours)

Other qualifications

- Job-related training courses (title and year)
- Job-related skills (language skills, computer skills, tools, machinery, typing speed)
- Job-related honors, awards, special accomplishments (publications,

memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities)
Additional application documents

- **Narrative KSAO statement** Applicants are encouraged to provide a narrative description to their experience as it applies to each of the knowledges, skills, abilities, and other characteristics (KSAO's) in this announcement. Limit narrative to one page per KSAO.

- **Civil Service Status** Current and former Federal employees should attach Standard Form 50 to prove career or career-conditional status or reinstatement eligibility.

- **Veterans preference** To claim veterans preference, submit a copy of DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. To claim 10-point veterans preference, submit SF 15, Application for 10-point Veterans Preference. More information on veterans' preference is available in the Vets' Guide that can be found on the Internet at www.opm.gov.

- **Background information** Applicants are encouraged but not required to submit OPM Form 1386, Background Survey Questionnaire.

Note Eligibility will be based solely on the application submitted; incomplete applications may result in loss of consideration.

Application packages must be sent to -

National Archives and Records Administration
Human Resources Services Division
Human Resources Operations Branch (NHHO)
9700 Page Avenue, Room 2004
St. Louis, MO 63132
Attn: Kathy Elimestad

Or hand-carried to -

NARA, Human Resources Services Division (NHH)
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 1200
College Park, MD

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. Displaced employees who are well qualified may be eligible for priority consideration under the Interagency Career transition Assistance Program. Reduction in Force notice must be submitted with the application package. Well-qualified applicants are those who fully meet all qualification requirements, the requirements listed under the section titled "Basis of Rating" above, and are able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

Position requires a background investigation.

An applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment.

This is a supervisory position, and under provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act, first-time supervisors and/or managers will be required to serve a one year probationary period.

In accordance with 5 USC 3303, recommendations by a Senator or Representative may not be considered except as to the character or residence of the applicant.

Enrollment in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer is required as a condition of employment for all new employees.

Application packages should include all requested documents and must be delivered or postmarked by the closing date of this announcement. Use of postage paid official government envelopes to mail job applications is a violation of Federal regulations.

For more information and/or forms, contact Kathy Elmestad at 1-800-827-4898. Hearing impaired applicants should make calls on TDD equipment to 314-538-4799 or 1-800-827-4898.

This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

Consideration will be given to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, disability, marital status, age, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or membership or non-membership in employee organization.

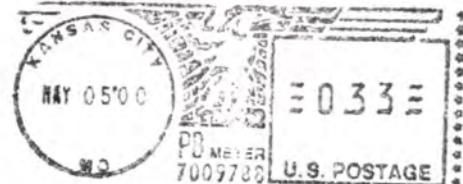


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April 18, 2000

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President Clinton,

Your confidence in naming me Vice Chairman of your Committee on Sports and Fitness is strongly felt. You can be assured that I will do my best to energize and to give impetus to create awareness to our fitness and health dilemma, particularly with the youth.

Some of my ideas may seem strong, such as reward / loss of federal funds for education to those states who fail to educate our youth in health and physical education. This would be modeled similar to parameters such as the fifty-five mile speed limit compiled with twenty-one for the drinking age.

This tactic along with the PEP Act should help restore balance in schools curriculum. As Jefferson stated that mankind should be Aristotle of mind / Athlete of body. This may not be reached unless physical education is reinstated under your leadership, thus having a commitment to youth, learning how to look good and feel good through fitness, a better outlook on life can be attained.

Sandra Perlmutter, our director, informed me that as Vice Chairman, I may request a meeting with you to further discuss the commitment that is needed. I also believe that mingling in a social, physical atmosphere, could lead to better student relationships, which may be preventative to violence.

Wishing you the best in your concerns for the youth.

Sincerely,


Don Casey

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

April 28, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President,

As the UN Commission on Human Rights winds down, I write to thank you for helping to make this one of the most successful Commissions ever. In the past few weeks, thanks in large part to American leadership, the Commission has drawn attention to some of the world's worst human rights violations and moved proactively to find solutions to core human rights concerns.

In its first session of the new millennium, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights drew attention to the world's worst human rights violations; created a fact-finding mechanism to report on the situation of human rights defenders worldwide; recognized for the first time that honor killings are a serious violation of women's human rights; and reinforced the link between democracy and human rights. Throughout the Commission's six weeks, the United States spoke out on a variety of issues ranging from the protection of vulnerable groups, such as women, children, and the mentally disabled.

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The Commission's decision (1999) reflects worldwide concern about the situation there. As March 24th speech to the Commission, "We cannot ignore the fact that civilians have died and more than 200,000 have been driven from their homes. No satisfaction in the need for such a measure, the U.S. continues to remain gravely concerned by the human rights situation in Croatia and will continue to work promptly to facilitate and implement the Commission's recommendations."

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UNITED STATES MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

April 28, 2000

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

Dear Mr. President,

As the UN Commission on Human Rights winds down, I write to thank you for helping to make this one of the most successful Commissions ever. In the past few weeks, thanks in large part to American leadership, the Commission has drawn attention to some of the world's worst human rights violations and moved proactively to find solutions to core human rights concerns.

In its first session of the new millennium, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights drew attention to the world's worst human rights violations; created a fact-finding mechanism to report on the situation of human rights defenders worldwide; recognized for the first time that honor killings are a serious violation of women's human rights; and reinforced the link between democracy and human rights. Throughout the Commission's six weeks, the United States spoke out on a variety of issues ranging from human rights violations in specific countries to the protection of vulnerable groups, including gays and lesbians, children at risk, and the mentally disabled.

The U.S.-sponsored resolution, on human rights in the former Yugoslavia, passed by an overwhelming margin (44-1-8), with only Russia opposing. The resolution highlighted abuses in Serbia and the human rights successes of the new government in the republic of Croatia. A vast majority of Commission members agreed with our assessment that the regime of Slobodan Milosevic is the number one human rights problem in the former Yugoslavia.

Another notable success was the resolution on human rights abuses in Cuba, which passed by 21-18-14. Sponsored by the Czech and Polish Governments and co-sponsored by the U.S. and more than twenty other countries, the resolution drew the world's attention to the courageous human rights defenders and independent journalists who risk their freedom to speak out for a democratic Cuba. The vote also reflects the Czech and Polish experience that sustained Commission examination can promote a dictatorial government's peaceful transition to democracy.

The Commission's decision to pass a resolution on the human rights situation in Chechnya (25-7-19) reflects worldwide concern about the situation there. As Secretary Albright noted in her March 24th speech to the Commission, "We cannot ignore the fact that thousands of Chechen civilians have died and more than 200,000 have been driven from their homes." Although we take no satisfaction in the need for such a measure, the U.S. co-sponsored this resolution because we remain gravely concerned by the human rights situation in Chechnya. We have urged Russia promptly to facilitate and implement the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission's also passed a Romanian-sponsored resolution on the right to democracy. The Commission reaffirmed for the second consecutive year the indissoluble link between democracy and human rights. The resolution reaffirms that member states can best protect human rights by working together to consolidate democracy. The resolution also confirms that democracy is not a

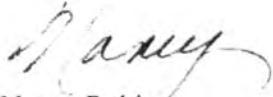
regional value nested in any particular social, cultural or religious tradition, but rather a universal value rooted in the rich and diverse nature of the community of democracies.

By the narrowest margin since 1995, the Commission passed a procedural motion by China not to take action on a resolution on human rights abuses in China (22-28-12). The vote demonstrated that increasingly, member countries believe that China should not escape Commission scrutiny. The United States was proud to sponsor the resolution as part of our principled, purposeful policy of engagement with China. By so doing, we spoke up for the Chinese people and drew attention to the marked deterioration in the human rights situation in China during the past year.

The Commission also passed U.S.-supported country-specific actions on Afghanistan, Burma, Iran, Iraq, and Sierra Leone, among others, as well as a number of important thematic resolutions. Of particular note, the Commission recommended the adoption of two protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The first bans and criminalizes child prostitution and child pornography, while the second establishes an international standard banning the use of child soldiers under the age of 18. These new measures will, in conjunction with the Convention banning the Most Exploitative Forms of Child Labor, mark a sea change in the way that the world seeks to address human rights violations against the world's most vulnerable.

My deep gratitude for appointing me to serve in this capacity...and for the generosity of spirit in the tape you prepared on mental health. I am honored to be able to serve this administration and to promote and protect the rights of people everywhere to control their own destinies.

Warm regards,

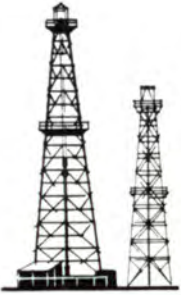
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Nancy Rubin

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Commission on Human Rights

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Paul L. Liberty, President

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