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OPEC will eventually translate into lower prices at the pump, Regalia predicted. Meanwhile, however, motorists going on vacation this month and next, and companies shipping goods, will be troubled by high transportation costs.

About three-fourths of last month's inflationary surge came from energy prices, which leaped 5.6 percent in June following a decline of 1.9 percent during May. Gasoline and fuel oil rose in price. That has driven a jump in airline fares at an annual rate of nearly 19 percent this year, compared with an advance of 11 percent last year.

In addition to energy, the cost of medical care is the other item that "leaps out at you," said Tom Palley, the AFL-CIO's assistant director of public policy.

Medical care prices increased 0.4 percent during June, with costs rising at a steady rate throughout the year. The health-care inflation rate for the past 12 months is 4.1 percent, significantly higher than the overall inflation rate of 3.7 percent during the same period.

Health insurance firms and health maintenance organizations have been boosting their premiums this year, reflecting rising costs of care. Businesses faced with the higher premiums are likely to curtail some benefits next year and require their workers to absorb a large share of the cost of medical care. "It is clear we have not come to grips with the problem of medical care inflation," Palley said.

From the overall policy view, "we strongly urge no further increase in interest rates," Palley said. "The message for Alan Greenspan and the Fed is that inflation is being driven by factors you can't have much control over, medical care and energy."

The encouraging items in Tuesday's report included a modest 0.1 percent rise in the price of food, a significant improvement from the 0.5 percent increase in May. Prices for fruits, vegetables and baked goods all declined during the month.

Clothing prices also fell, reflecting seasonal sales and discounts.

Telephone services, personal computers and computer peripheral equipment all fell in price in June.

Senate Might Not Vote on China Trade Bill Until September
By Nick Anderson
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON Senate leaders are seeking to begin debate next week on the landmark China trade bill but expect to delay a final vote until September, meaning that the controversial issue would linger in Congress through the national political conventions and into the fall campaign.

The delay in the Senate, which has been marred in partisan bickering for much of the year, has worried some Democratic and Republican lawmakers who support the legislation granting China permanent normal trade relations and who fear that it could yet run into trouble if it remains unresolved for too long.

Since early this year, lawmakers and lobbyists on both sides of the issue have assumed that a broad, bipartisan majority in the Senate would embrace the China trade bill that passed the House on May 24 after a lengthy and contentious debate. That assumption still seems to hold.

But for several reasons, getting to a vote in the Senate is proving far more arduous than most proponents had expected.

For example, two influential senators, Republican Fred Thompson of Tennessee and Democrat Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, are pushing for a vote on a controversial companion measure that would prod the White House to impose sanctions if China fails to stop the proliferation of missile technology, nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction.

Others, such as Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, are urging the Senate to wrap up work on annual spending bills always a time-consuming, painstaking task before taking up the China trade legislation. That strategy could put pressure on President Clinton to bend on some Republican spending demands, because enactment of the trade bill is one of his top priorities.

While the issue is stalled in the Senate, House lawmakers on Tuesday voted 281-147 to continue normal trade relations with China for the next year, extending to the communist regime trading privileges with the United States that most other countries enjoy without an annual review. The yearly exercise would end if the trade

legislation becomes law and China, as expected, becomes a full-fledged member of the global trading community.

The Senate Republican leadership remains convinced that the legislation eventually will pass.

"I don't believe delay is dangerous and it's certainly not fatal," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Tuesday.

But Lott acknowledged for the first time that "it would be very hard to get a final vote" until September. Lott said debate on the trade bill could begin as soon as next Wednesday and resume after the August recess. He attributed the delay in part to the likelihood that opponents would seek to use every possible procedural trick to slow or derail it.

Democrats charge that other motives are at work. They note ruefully that their party is more deeply split over China trade than Republicans and that their presumed presidential nominee, Vice President Al Gore, has taken heavy criticism from some union leaders for supporting the measure.

Organized labor, a key Democratic constituency, mounted a fierce campaign against the bill as the House vote neared. Gore is hoping to heal the party's rifts when he accepts its nomination at the August convention in Los Angeles a chore that could be more difficult with the trade bill still on the congressional docket.

Ethics Law Impedes Justice More Than Helps, Department Says
By Robert L. Jackson
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON Consider it further proof of the law of unintended consequences.

Aiming to prevent unethical conduct, Congress last year passed a law requiring federal prosecutors to abide by the ethics rules of the state bar where they are conducting investigations.

According to the Justice Department, that move has instead hampered law enforcement in cases related to public safety among them the investigation of the maintenance and safety practices of Alaska Airlines.

In documents submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee by James Robinson, chief of Justice's criminal division, and Assistant Attorney General Robert Raven, the department has argued that probes such as this were "stalled for many months" by the McDade law.

The law blocked FBI agents and Justice Department lawyers from interviewing airline mechanics in a timely fashion for a grand jury investigation of whether Alaska's maintenance records were falsified in Northern California, the department says. And it reportedly is causing problems for prosecutors looking into complaints from corporate whistle-blowers elsewhere.

While the law seems harmless on its face, California like many other states has an ethics provision prohibiting lawyers or government investigators from directly contacting a person who is represented by counsel.

Federal officials say that FBI agents who tried to interview workers at the airline's maintenance facility in Oakland, Calif., were blocked by company lawyers who claimed to represent all airline personnel.

When mechanics then were served with grand jury subpoenas, attorneys lined up by the airline were able to delay their appearances by insisting on grants of immunity from prosecution, which slowed the inquiry by months.

The federal investigation widened after the Jan. 31 crash of an Alaska Airlines jet in the Pacific Ocean that killed all 88 people on board. But FBI agents were similarly impeded from questioning ground mechanics, according to the Justice Department.

"Those interviews that are most often successful simultaneous interviews of numerous employees could not be conducted simply because of fear that an ethical rule ... might result in proceedings against the prosecutor," said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., a veteran Judiciary Committee member who is trying to amend the law.

Alaska Airlines insists it has cooperated with the FBI and denies wrongdoing in its maintenance practices. No criminal charges have been brought. The Federal Aviation Administration recently said it had uncovered "serious breakdowns in record-keeping, documentation and quality assurance" but that the airline has devised an acceptable plan to correct them.

Leahy said the airline case is only one example of the

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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July 17, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom for Jan Karski

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 7.24.00

To: PODESTA, VERWEER

From: The Staff Secretary

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

00 JUL 24 AM 11:15

July 17, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Medal of Freedom for Jan Karski

The world has lost a great conscience and a courageous man with the recent passing of World War II hero Jan Karski. His remarkable struggle against injustice -- first as a soldier in Poland's attempt to turn back the Nazi invasion of 1939, then as a courier in the Polish resistance, and finally as a harbinger to the West of the evil of the Holocaust -- make him a unique voice in our collective history. For his efforts to bring news of the Holocaust and to save the lives of Jews in Europe, he was honored by both Israel and the Jewish community in the U.S. His post-war efforts to teach and share his experiences at Georgetown were only further evidence of his commitment to what is right and just.

Given his remarkable service to humanity and his unwavering fight for freedom for all peoples, I recommend we award him the Medal of Freedom, posthumously. Funeral ceremonies and other events in his memory are being held here in Washington, D.C. tomorrow. One of those events might prove to be appropriate for such an announcement if you concur.

July 14, 2000

Mrs. Betty Currie or
White House Staff

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed is a corrected copy of a letter I sent to President Clinton last week after his visit to State College, Pennsylvania on July 10, 2000.

I used the same heading as my first letter to the President and, of course, the date is wrong - my first letter was dated June 30, 2000.

So if someone would be so kind and replace my second letter - a thank you letter - with the one enclosed I would very much appreciate it.

A blatant error such as this is not acceptable to me, not to mention, it would cause confusion for the reader.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO MEET PRESIDENT CLINTON!

God Bless,

Betty
BETTY M. BAKTIS

7/24/00

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July 12, 2000

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

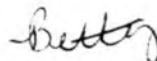
I must feel the way you felt when you met President Kennedy so many years ago! What an honor and a pleasure to finally meet you! From the bottom of my heart thank you and the White House staff who made it possible for me to meet you at University Park Airport, State College, Pennsylvania as you departed from the National Governors' Conference on Monday, July 10, 2000. A dream come true for me and a memory I will cherish forever! Something to share with my first grandchild who is on the way and due the beginning of October.

Our meeting was brief, and understandably so, because of your tight schedule. However, there was something I wanted to convey to you but did not get the chance to do so. My personal interest in you is because we share similar histrionics and I understand you because I understand myself. I am not just another "star struck" female in awe of you because you are the most powerful political figure on earth. My interest is deep compassion for a fellow human being who just happens to be, not only a male, but the President of the United States of America! I view you, Hillary, and Chelsea as ONE - a family unit - inseparable! So when I speak of my compassion and deep concern, it is for all three of you.

What has unfolded before the public's eyes via the media during your two terms as President has been the most despicable, disgusting thing I have ever witnessed. The intent of those to purposely destroy you and your family was absolutely UNCONSCIONABLE! I felt your pain and, at times, it was almost unbearable. Some where, some way, some how, "they (whoever they are) will get theirs!" And, as you know, that is not for you, the Democratic Party or anyone else to carry out. "Vengeance is mine, sayeth the Lord" and put in His hands, He will see to it they receive their appropriate and due punishment.

What better way than for us (the Democratic Party) to get to them than to ensure that AL GORE wins in November - to carry on the important work of our Country that began during your Administration! So, President Clinton, to use President Kennedy's words. "I ask not what my Party can do for me, but what I can do for my Party?" We (fellow Democrats) have our work cut out for us in Pennsylvania as you well know, and especially, if Governor Bush selects Governor Ridge as his running mate. If there is any way I can serve the Democratic Party in Central Pennsylvania between now and November, please put the right people in touch with me at home after 5:30p in the evenings or any time day or night on weekends. Since my job is with a County Board of Commissioners and representative of both parties, I must stay nonpartisan in the office.

Until, I remain a FRIEND to you, Hillary, and Chelsea - our Country's FIRST FAMILY - to be revered, respected, honored, and most of all, LOVED!



BETTY M. BAKTIS

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From the Desk of ROY CLINTON

Dear Mr. President,

I Hope THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL!

I AM FORWARDING A LETTER TO YOU ON BEHALF
OF THE FAYETTEVILLE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

I WON'T PREFACE THE LETTER, BUT I HOPE THAT
AFTER YOU READ IT, THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER
SUPPORTING THE ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST OF BEING
"HONOLARY CHAIR." THE CLUB IS SO CLOSE TO THE
\$15 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT. YOUR ASSOCIATION AS
"HONOLARY CHAIR" CAN BRING THEM EVEN CLOSER.

THERE ARE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING CITIZENS
THAT ARE BEHIND THIS ORGANIZATION AND IT'S
ENDEAVOR TO SECURE THE REYNOLDS GRANT AND
TO MAKE THIS NEW FACILITY A REALITY. I KNOW
I CAN SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF BY THANKING
YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS
MATTER.

TRISH, COLE AND I SEND OUR SUPPORT AND
MOST OF ALL OUR LOVE!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

P.S. Hope to see you soon!

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Fayetteville Youth Center
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

915 California Drive
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701 • Phone 442-9242



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July 6, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
The White House
Washington, D.C 20500

Mr. President,

The Fayetteville (AR) Boys and Girls Club (formerly the Fayetteville Youth Center) has long since reached capacity and is now a finalist in the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation capital grant process. We are writing to ask if you would consider serving as "Honorary Chair" of our fundraising campaign should an affirmative final response be forthcoming.

Our application for almost \$15 million dollars would support construction of a state-of-the-art complex to provide desperately needed leadership development and life skills programming for the youth of northwest Arkansas. A 20% match of any capital grant award would be required for a Restricted Maintenance Endowment and our intentions would be to raise \$1.5 million more in part to endow scholarships for at-risk youth. We are optimistic about support toward these goals, but would like to set our campaign apart from any number of others running concurrently by securing your involvement.

A consultant has already prepared an Institutional Development Plan for us and we are on our way toward hiring a professional fund-raiser. We have also assembled a group of prominent citizens who are willing to serve as ambassadors for our cause. To maximize the potential of that group, we invite you to become "Honorary Chair" and provide a letter of support for use with prospective donors. And, if your schedule allowed for a visit during the campaign, we would certainly benefit from an appearance on our behalf.

While the approach of a sitting President for such may seem ambitious for a non-profit organization like ours, we are hopeful that your demonstrated commitment to at-risk youth and former residency near our current facility will make this request appealing. Also, the needs for additional youth support in northwest Arkansas are so great that

extraordinary measures are appropriate. We are scheduled to appear before the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Trustees on July 26th and would view your association with our cause as a most significant component of that presentation—please consider our request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Stockland
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Renner". The signature is cursive, with the first name "Kevin" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "Renner".

Kevin Renner
Past President

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Carolyn Galen
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To: Nancy Hernreich

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Re: INS request

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I hope you are having a great summer, and hope also to see you sometime soon.

Thanks for anything you can do.
 I realize there is a limit as to
 how much can be done. Thanks.

CC:
 Nancy

Phone (202) 233-2040 Fax (202) 233-2050

**National Institute for
Literacy****Fax**

00 JUL 24 11:55

To: Nancy Hernreich	From: Carolyn Staley
Fax:	Pages: 3
Phone:	Date: 7/20/00
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Dear Nancy:

The intern we are housing has brought to our attention the plight of a fellow University of North Carolina student in the Morehead Scholars program who has been deported to England, although her parents live here in the US. The parents sent me the attached letter this morning asking for help. Apparently they have tried many avenues to keep their family together.

I am sending this to you in hopes you'll know the right person to route it to for any help. Maybe it can get resolved before Fall semester begins.

Thanks so much for any assistance you might be able to give.

I hope you are having a great summer, and hope also to see you sometime soon.

Best,


Carolyn

*Thanks for anything you can do.
I realize there is a limit as to
how much can be done. Thanks.*

420 Lakenheath Lane
Matthews, NC 28105

20 July 2000

Phone: (704) 841-1620
e-mail: divorp@aol.com

Ms. Carolyn Staley
National Institute for National Literacy

Fax: 202-233-2050

Dear Ms. Staley:

Corrie White and our daughter, Justine O'Connor-Petts, have exchanged e-mails, and as a result we are sending you the following information in the hope that you may be able to provide some help in resolving Justine's predicament.

Justine is a rising Junior and Morehead Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a British citizen. Last week she left the United States immediately after hearing that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had refused to reinstate her in temporary status, and it appears that it will be difficult for her to obtain a visa enabling her to return.

Briefly, the circumstances which led to this situation are as follows: Justine came to this country with us and her sister, Jessica, a US citizen, in 1988 when she was eight years old. She held J-2 and H-4 visas as a consequence of our employment as college faculty. In January 1996 she filed an application for adjustment of status to permanent residence, as a derivative beneficiary of an employment based immigrant visa petition filed on behalf of her father by Queens College, Charlotte. However, this employment ended prior to the adjudication of the application, and Justine was informed on July 12th 1999 that the application for adjustment of status had been denied. In September 1999, with the help of the International Student Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, she filed an application with the INS for change of status to Student F-1, but this was denied in March this year, on the grounds that she had failed to establish that she was a *bona fide* foreign student. In June, with the help of an immigration lawyer, and with letters of support from the highest levels of the university administration, she filed a new application for re-instatement in temporary status. At the request of Molly Broad, President of UNC, the office of Senator Jesse Helms arranged to have the application expedited, but it was denied, as we indicated above, on the grounds that it had been too long since Justine's temporary status had lapsed (although for that period she had had an adjustment petition on file with the INS!).

Justine is now in London preparing to apply for a student F-1 visa so that she can return and complete her degree at Chapel Hill. Applicants for student visas are required to demonstrate close ties to their home countries and an intention to return upon completion of their studies.

Since Justine has lived in the US for the last twelve years and her sister is a US citizen and her parents are now applicants for adjustment of status to permanent residence, based upon an immediate relative petition filed by Jessica, establishing her ties to England will be difficult. She is willing to return there upon completion of her degree program, however, and has stated that in an affidavit filed with the June 2000 petition.

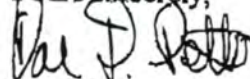
What Justine needs now is assistance in obtaining a visa to enable her to return to the US to complete her degree, given the very unusual and difficult circumstances of her situation.

For several months we have been distraught at the realization that American immigration law can not only force the break up of a law-abiding family, but also oblige Justine to abandon her scholarship and university education, both of which she has worked for since coming here twelve years ago. Surely someone in a position of authority can see the injustice that has befallen Justine and take steps to right it!

We would like you to have a copy of the petition which was filed with the INS in June. It contains a detailed explanation of how Justine arrived at her current situation and affidavits by Justine and us concerning her ties to England and intention to return. There are also supporting statements from UNC officials. As the file is more than thirty pages, we hesitate to fax it. If you can e-mail us a postal address, we could mail the file to you, or we could fax it at night when the machines are less busy, if you would prefer that we do so. We do not want to receive faxes at the machine from which we are sending this one as it is in a busy office of 150 people and faxes received there are not guaranteed confidentiality.

We appreciate your willingness to consider Justine's plight; please feel free to share this letter with anyone who might be interested in finding a solution. We shall be enormously grateful for any assistance.

Yours sincerely,


David I. Petts


M. Lesley O'Connor

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

July 24, 2000

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

West's
resignation
letter
→ executive clerk
- coord. reply

Dear Mr. President:

I submit hereby my resignation from the Office of
Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be effective at 11:59 p.m.
on the date of this document. It has been an honor to
serve you and the people of the United States of America.

With great respect,


Togo D. West, Jr.

cc: Hershel W. Gober
Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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Head Office

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July 19, 2000

00 JUL 24 Corporate Counsel

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

Attention: Betty Curr
Personal A

Dear President Clinton:

First and foremost,
me in your recent and very
New Economy. It was an
our nation's best minds,
participate. The Conference did a good job of focusing America's attention
on the Administration's economic accomplishments under your and the
Vice President's leadership.

I am sending you this letter to advise you on the outcome of the
first ever Inner City Economic Summit (a national summit), as hosted by
Operation HOPE, Inc. and the Summit Organizing Committee, and
featuring Vice President Al Gore. The Vice President was a big hit at the
summit, and I agree with your assessment: *he is the best Vice President in
American history*. Your leadership as President made this important mark
on history possible, and I am convinced that it too will become an
important part of your enduring legacy sir.

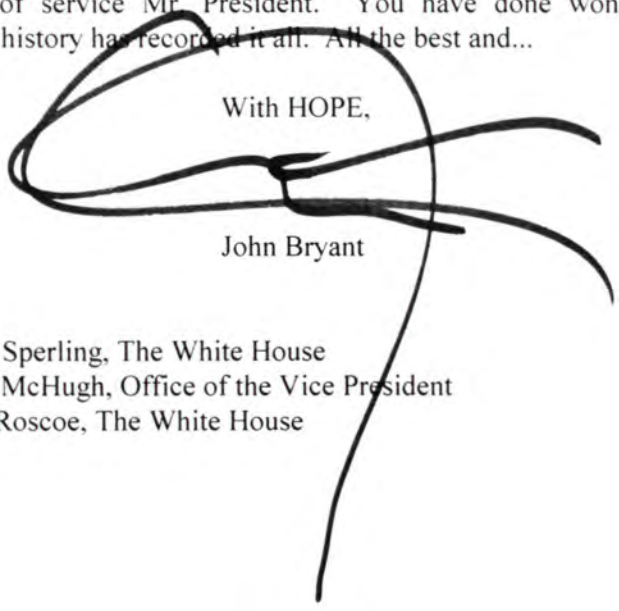
Enclosed please find a copy of several key documents associated
with the summit, held April 14th and 15th, 2000, at Los Angeles
Southwest College in South Central Los Angeles, including an executive
draft summary of the Summit Final Report, along with press clippings
from the event.

Thank you Mr. President for all that you do, and thank you for
indirectly supporting our mission to *change the world*, through economic
education and economic empowerment. Without the Federal Community
Reinvestment Act and its positive revisions under your Administration, we
would simply not be able to do what we do.

In a closing note, I simply wanted to note what an incredible job that your fine staff does on your behalf, on a daily basis. From Mickey Ibarra, to Zina Pierre, to Lori Perine, to Mary Beth Cahill, to the person I call your best kept secret; Ms. Jena Roscoe.

Going forward, please let me know how I or Operation HOPE, Inc. can be of service Mr. President. You have done wonders for America, and history has recorded it all. All the best and...

With HOPE,



John Bryant

cc: Gene Sperling, The White House
Patty McHugh, Office of the Vice President
Jena Roscoe, The White House

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**THE INNER CITY ECONOMIC SUMMIT
APRIL 14TH AND 15TH, 2000
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

DRAFT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT, ANSWERS AND ACTIONS
“BEST PRACTICES”

Summit Hosted By

John Bryant

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Summit Final Report Published By

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The Inner City Economic Summit, Inc.

The Summit Organizing Committee

UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management

On April 14th and 15th of this year, Operation HOPE, Inc., with the support of corporations, financial institutions, the academic community and government, hosted the first national Inner City Economic Summit in Los Angeles, California.

The historic Summit meeting brought together federal officials from Washington, D.C., elected officials from across the country, corporate executives, representatives from the academic community and leaders of community based organizations, to "audit, discuss and develop action based solutions to the following objectives:

1. Capital, Investment & Finance.
2. New Market Opportunities in Under-Served America.
3. Technology and Bridging the Digital Divide.
4. Creating a New Class of Stakeholders in America: Home and Small Business Ownership.
5. Safe Streets: Public Safety.
6. Education, Economic Literacy and Labor.
7. The Entertainment Industry and the Digital Divide.

In July, 2000, through a collaborative effort of Operation HOPE, Inc., the Inner City Economic Summit, Inc., the Summit Organizing Committee and the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management, the results of the Summit will be published in full edited text. This extensive document in book format will include details of the discussion in each Summit Plenary Session, as well as presentations made during the Opening Session, the Luncheon Session and the concluding Executive Session.

We genuinely hope that you will enjoy reviewing the following pages, which will hopefully create even greater anticipation for the more detailed Final Summit Report. We would also like to take this opportunity to again thank our Summit Sponsors, Delegates, Delegates-Observers, Honorary Host Committee, the Organizing Committee and the media, which provided exceptional coverage of the Summit itself.

It is our pleasure to present to you the Executive Summary of the results of the Inner City Economic Summit. Audit, Answers and Actions.

Capital, Investment and Finance

Moderators: *Dean Bruce Willison*

UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management

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- **Investment in human capital (economic education) and better capital markets access (equity in particular).**
- Enlightened management at most leading banks today recognize the untapped value and market potential of under-served communities.
- Non-banks; inclusive of venture capitalists, investment bankers, mezzanine financiers, don't have the same experience base (with the Community Reinvestment Act, etc.) in under-served communities.
- Develop a moral initiative designed to entice these new players into the inner city.
- Provide the necessary data and financial information to these new players designed to make them understand that these (inner city communities) are good investments for them.
- Marketing is a key challenge; getting the information to the marketplace. Financial institutions need to do a better job of reaching these communities.
- Pre and post-technical assistance as key component of the success mix.
- From a mainstream financial institution's perspective, "good borrowers are hard to find."
- Educating financial borrowers on financing and financial practices, and on the products that are available.
- A substantial increase in the utilization of and partnership with local resources (non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, civic organizations, etc.) by mainstream interests in reaching the inner city marketplace.
- Leverage the SBA model of sharing local borrower success stories with other local potential borrowers in order to build lender credibility in the inner city marketplace.
- The inner city challenge is increasingly America's challenge. As Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan has said, "if America is to keep its economic prosperity alive, then it must be shared more broadly in the years to come."

- The source of demand in our economy has to grow. In order for that to happen, the businesses that are represented in these emerging domestic markets have to be financed in order to sustain their level of growth.
- Greater access to mezzanine and the equity side of the markets.
- Better process for and education of the “gatekeeper” function within public pension funds, with regard to investing into emerging domestic markets, relative to the amount that has been invested in the emerging market overseas.
- Developing methods to demonstrate the inner city deal flow and balance sheet growth potential of financial institutions, pension funds, mutual funds and the like.
- Develop mechanisms designed to encourage individual savings and individual wealth creation within the community; including competitively rated investment vehicles. **This should include investment options offered in inner city communities at competitive Wall Street rates.** Several surveys have shown an overall rate of return (1-5%) that is extremely low based on traditional market standards.
- Accessing, leverage and mobilize the substantial capital base that flows through community institutions for higher rates of return (for reinvestment at home, in the inner city community where they operate); including churches, foundations, non-profit organizations.
- Increased “market” education on the opportunities available for them with emerging market investors.
- Mobilizing funds and reducing the individual deal risk level through the pooling of bank consortiums.
- Mobilizing ideas and knowledge (in this new knowledge economy) through the pooling of educational research in this arena; from UCLA to the Milken Institute to a thousand other educational research institutions.
- *Note:* **Three financial commitments were made at the close of this session, for a total of \$2.5 million to make non-traditional mortgage loans in the inner city communities of Greater Los Angeles.** Financial institutions making commitments here were Union Bank of California for \$ 1million (represented by its vice-chairman, Richard Hartnack), Hawthorne Savings, FSB for \$1 million (represented by its chairman, Timothy Chrisman), and Far East National Bank for \$500,000 (represented by its president, Robert Oehler).

Education, Economic Literacy and Labor

Moderators: *John Mack*, President
Los Angeles Urban League
Michael Milken, Founder
The Milken Institute
Jena Roscoe, Associate Director
The White House Office of Public Liaison

- **Increased education funding.**
- Bridging the language divide (more than 70 languages spoken in the San Francisco School District).
- Empowering the community college system to serve as a local bridge.
- Increased role for Black colleges; 3% of colleges graduate 30% of African-American graduates. Note: Only 50% of the students of Catholic schools, are Catholics.
- Cultural salad bowl, not cultural melting pot. Value and respect individual culture, and use these cultural strengths to strengthen the educational value equation.
- Bring the value and efficiency equation of technology into the field of education; the cost of education has increased 4-5 times as fast as inflation, yet in fields such as finance, technology has helped to eliminate a large portion of the transactional cost.
- Make technology affordable, user friendly and accessible to and for the average American.
- **Education, information and access as the new developmental tools for wealth building in the 21st Century; no different than agriculture and land was in the 14th Century, and capital was in the 19th and 20th Century. Quoting Federal Reserve Chairman Al Greenspan from the White House Conference on the New Economy, “education, information and access are the new “irreversible assets” of the new economy.”**

New Market Opportunities in Under-Served America

Moderators: *Honorable Chester Straub*, Acting Secretary,
U.S. Economic Development Administration
Honorable Xavier Becerra, Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives

- **Education.**
- No compromise on the quality of the product or service, nor the delivery of that product or service. No second class customers.
- Must be a reasonable return on the investment made.
- Change the perception that inner-city communities are not viable places to do business.
- Invest with “good intentions,” and a long-term investment perspective.
- Youth mentorship.
- A solid foundation of local homeowners.
- Focus on franchise ownership opportunities; franchises with an established brands and proven operating systems.
- Leverage financing opportunities.
- Formation of business, commercial and social partnerships with trusted faith-based organizations.
- Venture forums; featuring banks, insurance companies, private finance and investment companies, and public and private pension funds.
- Support of local, state and federal policies that promote, encourage and support new market development in under-served communities; such as the federal Community Reinvestment Act and the President’s New Markets Initiative.
- Public pension plans to create an investment policy for inner city, urban and under served communities.
- **Creation of a strong future middle class by actively promoting the development of a burgeoning new “stakeholder” class in America’s inner city, urban and under served communities.**

Technology and Bridging the Digital Divide

Moderators: *Honorable Preston Martin*, Former Vice Chairman
The U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Chairman, Martin & Associates
Dean Geoffrey Cowan, LL.B
USC Annenberg School for Communication

- **Education.**
- Greater recognition that technology tends to divide along economic lines, rather than racial lines. A new, equally damaging form of discrimination in America.
- Location of (non-geographically specific) “technology plants,” and data processing centers in inner cities.
- Affordable housing for local technology workforce.
- Overcoming the perception of crime and prejudice, and (the lack of) financing.
- **A computer in every home.**
- Making “content” relevant to the average American.
- Insuring consumer privacy protection.
- **Inner cities as untapped, new market opportunities for the growing technology companies.**
- **Potential trained future workforce.**
- **A focus on education over pure technology, as the principle tool and means, to literally bridge the digital divide.**
- **The power to convert in inner cities lies in the transforming power of information “equal-access.”**

The Entertainment Industry and the Urban Marketplace

Moderators: *Bill Duke*, Actor, Producer and Writer

Beverly Cole, Director

MBE Programs and Administration

The Disney Company

- **Education.**
- Urban films can be produced for relatively low cost.
- **Content and images “do” impact the values of urban, inner city and under served communities, as well as the individuals who live within them.**
- Creation of an entertainment fund, formed as a SBA sponsored Small Business Investment Corporation, focused on urban content assets.
- Creation of a minority market focused distribution system, owned by experienced ethnic minorities from the entertainment industry, inclusive of satellite properties, cable properties, and the Internet.
- **Minority ownership enhances minority employment.**
- Creation of a grass roots, mainstream and high technology marketing entity designed to effectively and efficiently penetrate the urban marketplace.
- Promotion of the cooperative economics concept.
- Increased FCC support for the access to and acquisition of federal broadcasting licenses by ethnic minorities.
- Creation of an urban film institute focused on the research, collection, development, production and preservation of positive urban communication images; that uplift and promote the concept of community.

Public Safety: Safe Streets

Moderator: *Honorable Roosevelt Dorn, Mayor*
City of Inglewood
Honorable Kevin Ross, Judge
California Superior Court

- **Education.**
- **Overcoming the perception that inner cities are crime infested and lack economic viability.**
- Create a public, community focused and community embraced environment of structure, accountability, discipline, boundaries, and mutual respect.
- **Complete overhaul of the urban educational system.**
- Better utilization of current, existing educational infrastructure resources; utilizing facilities for after school programs, night school, etc.
- Stem the high-school dropout rate.
- **Change public safety focus in America away from one of incarceration, to one of education, trade development, and job placement.**
- Increase community crime prevention measures, such as community policing, on a parallel track with local economic and community development promotion measures.
- Increase individual expectation levels; with appropriate one on one support.
- Make individuals in a local community, local stakeholders in their community. "The best policeman a community can have is a homeowner."
- **Positively utilize the enormously high levels of unallocated youth-energy, currently lying dormant in inner city and urban communities across America.**
- Create the environment for a fair, just and equal criminal justice system.

Creating a New Class of Stakeholders: Home and Small Business Ownership

Moderators: *David Black*, Deputy Secretary
Community Affairs and Development Department
State of Pennsylvania, Ridge Administration
Richard Hartnack, Vice Chairman
Union Bank of California

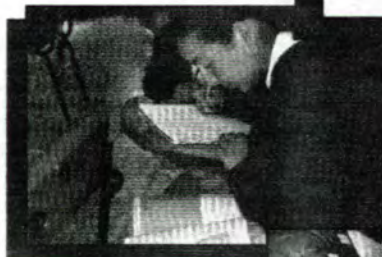
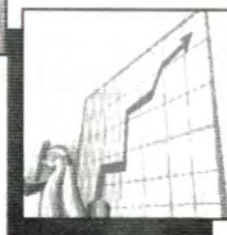
- **Education.**
- “Greenlining,” streamlining and otherwise removing government inefficiencies that stifle economic innovation and the creation of local ownership opportunities.
- **Creating a stable homeownership base as a community stabilizer and building block.**
- Overcoming market and basic capital access issues.
- Overcoming important social roadblocks, such as affordable and accessible daycare for the working mother, father or parent.
- Increased use of credible community based organizations as links to inner city communities.
- Support of “capacity building” of local community based organizations.
- **Increased partnering between government, community and the private sector to create local community solutions.**
- Small business cooperatives and incubators.
- **Adoption of more “common sense” lending strategies and approaches by traditional lenders.**
- Use of homeownership equity to “fund” a start-up business.
- Private sector or government sponsored “gap” financing, and equity investment initiatives.
- Increased market research, site preparation (assistance) and market development data collection.
- **New approach to loan underwriting that takes into account the unique circumstances of the communities and markets in question.**

- Refining and redefining the role of HUD for American families (rent to own, and not own to rent, etc.).
- **Promotion of Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) with the government and employers' support; designed to increased savings amongst low to moderate-income individuals.**
- **Creation of a corporate benefit plan for employees aimed at creating and increasing homeownership, similar to the 401k program.**
- **Education, education, education, for homeowners, small business owners and mainstream investors alike.**

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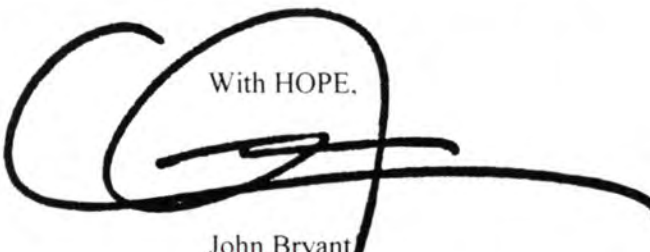
On Friday, April 14th and Saturday, April 15th, 2000, Operation HOPE, Inc. and the Summit Organizing Committee hosted the Inner City Economic Summit featuring special guest, the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States of America. As I believe you already know, the Summit was an overwhelming success. It was covered by CNN and all the major networks and more than 30 major AP newspapers nationwide.

This important Summit meeting focused on the economic viability and untapped vitality of America's inner-city and under-served communities, and brought together substantive players in the American economic field. Delegates included **Congressman Julian Dixon; Congressman Xavier Becerra; Judge Kevin Ross; L.A. County District Attorney Gil Garcetti; City Attorney James Hahn; Speaker of the Assembly- Emeritus Antonio Villaraigosa; Preston Martin**, Former Vice Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve Board; **Michael Milken**, Founder of the Milken Institute; **John Mack**, President of the Los Angeles Urban League; **Bruce Willison**, Dean, The Anderson School at UCLA; **Geoffrey Cowan**, Dean, Annenberg School for Communication, USC; **William Halter**, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Social Security Administration and **Rick Hartnack**, Vice Chairman, Union Bank of California as well as other CEOs and leaders in business and government, mayors from cities where private/public partnerships are working, and leaders from community based organizations. This Summit was an opportunity to chart a new course for the future of America's urban, inner-city and under-served communities, and to encourage urban entrepreneurship. In this regard I believe the Summit organizers delivered on the theme of this vital and important Summit meeting, which was "creating a new era of economic stakeholders in America; Audit, Answers and Actions."

In fact, the Summit was so successful that we have decided to incorporate it as a separate, stand alone entity, and we will hold a similar national Summit on a bi-annual basis moving forward. Furthermore, in the coming weeks we will undertake a five-state media tour with the Honorable Preston Martin, the former Vice Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors and myself, featuring the "best practices" resulting from the Summit final report. We will present an executive summary of the Summit findings at a special White House briefing on May 25th in Washington D.C. to federal officials.

This newsletter details the participants and activities of the Summit. For those of you that did not attend, we hope this newsletter will convey the historic significance of this event. For more information on the results of the Summit, please log onto our website at www.inner-cityeconomicsummit.org.

Wishing you all the best and...

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Operation HOPE, Inc. Announces the first ever Inner City Economic Summit



John Bryant, Founder, Chairman & CEO with Vice President Al Gore

Under the leadership of Operation HOPE, Inc., and a broad cross section of supporting organizations, and in partnership with leaders from the private sector, government and the civil society, the Summit Organizing Committee hosts the *first ever national Inner-City Economic Summit*.

Championing the American spirit of broad inclusiveness, this historic Summit meeting seeks to bring together all substantive players on the economic field - inclusive of CEOs of retail corporations with high volumes of minority customers, banks and other private sector leaders, leaders of federal

government agencies, mayor's from cities where private/public partnerships are working, and leaders of community based organizations that have partnered with all - under one "big tent." This done with one goal in mind; the creation of new markets in under-served communities, and the development of a new generation of economic stakeholders in America.

Plenary session topics include: Education, Economic Literacy and Labor; New Market Opportunities in Under-Served America; Technology and Bridging the Digital Divide; Creating a New Class of Stakeholders; Homeownership and Small Business;

Safe Streets; Public Safety; Capital, Investment & Finance; and The Entertainment Industry and The Urban Marketplace. As a direct result of these key plenary sessions, Summit organizers will assemble a written summary of economic "best practices," currently at work in inner city and under-served communities across America. And finally, at the executive plenary session on the afternoon of April 15th, Summit organizers hope to leave this important meeting having announced an impressive list of public and private sector deliverables. Deliverables of direct benefit to our under-served communities. •

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